USNA
1845
2005
AMBULARE CUM HONORE

Commander Yolanda Reagans, USN
Lucky Bag Officer Representative

everyday life at the united states naval academy

BEAT ARMY!
NAVY
65
NAVY
1

the lucky bag • 2005

United States Naval Academy

This 112th Edition
of
The 2005 Lucky Bag Yearbook
is presented to:

Commander Yolanda Reagans

with thanks and appreciation.
This book is number

11

of a special limited edition of
50 Presentation Copies from a
total press run of 4500 copies.

THE
LUCKY BAG

the lucky bag

everyday life at the united states naval academy

BUSH CHENEY 04

2005

2005 **Lucky Bag** Staff

michael rogers editor-in-chief
john rodenburg executive officer
frank verducci first class section editor
samantha craig brigade section editor
lynne hoppe and **cynthia onjocco** year section editors
grant gerhke student life section editor
abby brandon sport section editor
nisa halsey eca section editor
eve-lyn callahan ad section editor
troy vantrease academics and chain of command section editor
natalie augustine and **christina sciabarra** theme section editors
brandon lam, geiorag andrews, and **justin middlebrook** summer editors

The Lucky Bag has been the annual yearbook of the United States Naval Academy since 1894. It is the oldest and currently the largest full-color yearbook in the country.

table of contents

class history
10

the year
30

student life
108

sports
160

extracurricular activities
254

parent and corporate ads
300

index and closing
450

The early morning duty musters…

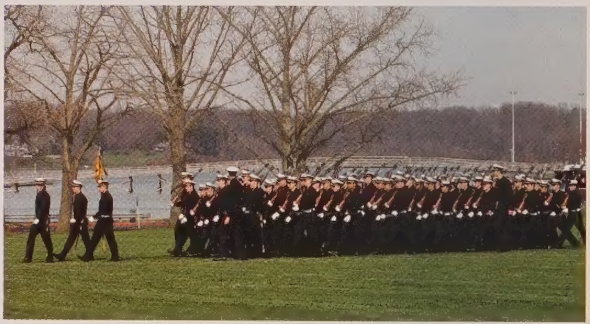
The cold walk to first period...

Fighting sleep in morning classes…

Noon meal formations for the ten visitors that decided to show up...

Evening meal and dreading studying…

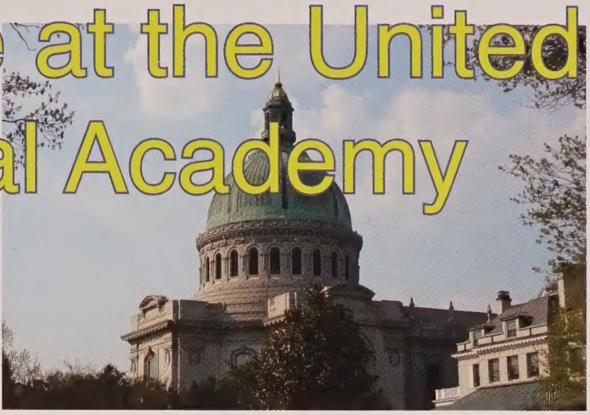
Parade Practice after classes end...



Singing Blue and Gold with the Plebes…

Late night hallway fun to avoid work...

Every Day Life at the United States Naval Academy



These are all part of everyday life at the Naval Academy, things that occur everyday. Things that occur so much that you soon forget about them after graduation. Things become a part of the routine. So regimented is the midshipman's day that you can hardly remember the everyday workings of one's own existence for four years. It is these everyday experiences that the Naval Academy apart from every other commissioning source, from every other college. It is the day-in and day-out grind over four years that the forges civilians into graduates of the Boat School. It is these everyday experiences that bond Academy graduates across the generations: from the Forrestal lectures to Friday nights in the Hall, from Wednesday evening meal to working out in Macdoungh, these are the experiences that define us all.

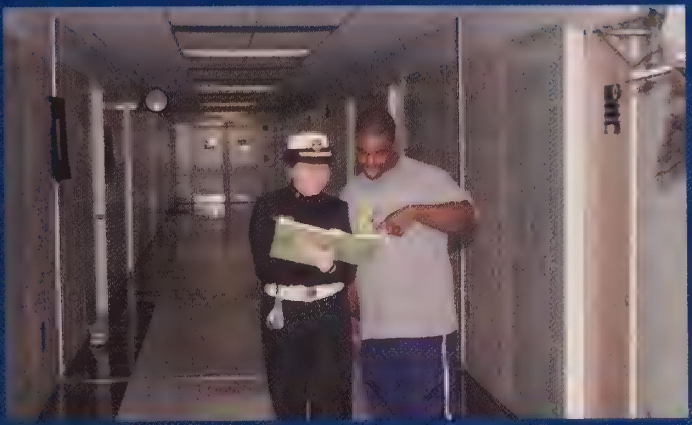
When you go through this yearbook many years from your graduation, how much will you remember? How much will have just blended together? Probably more than we would believe is possible. This year, the Lucky Bag will try to capture some of those memories for you. The Lucky Bag will display the everyday life of the Naval Academy in full color to help you remember and recall with the same emotions they drew out as when you experienced them.

"Monday, monday...

monday

...can't trust that day."

monday



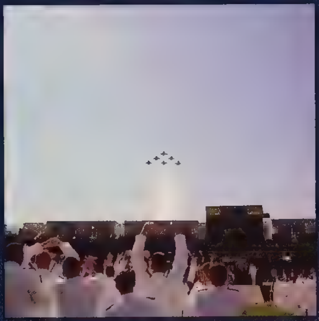
"Looks like somebody's
got a case of the
Mondays."

USNA
1955
2005
AMBULARE CUM HONORE
05

the class of 2005

our story

from 29 june 2001...



...to 27 may 2005
...and beyond

This is not a complete history of the Class of 2005. This is only but a remembrance of our Four Years by the Bay. There is no way to compile a complete history for our class, this history's purpose is to refresh the memories of all the times we had together and the things that affected our lives from June 29,2001 to May 27, 2005. I hope this account can bring back some memories that have been forgotten.

From the day we showed up to Annapolis and started our journey together, there was something special about the Class of 2005. We had the highest SAT scores in the history of the Naval Academy (something that would be bested by following classes) but there were other more intangible characteristics that made our class great.

We can all remember I-day. The long winding line in front of Alumni Hall, filled with friends, families, girlfriends and boyfriends, that were all as anxious as we were. As we entered the glass doors into the air-conditioned beast, we knew we would never be the same. A table awaited us with detailers handing out name tags and giving us these instructions: "Put one on. The first and last words out of your mouth become sir or ma'am. Follow the yellow line up the stairs to the next table. Memorize these six digits." These six digits, your alpha code would come to define your life. We moved on and received everything from socks and underwear to whiteworks and Dixie cups. We soon realized that board shorts and flip-flops would be a thing of the past.

It rained on our I-day. It not only rained, it stormed with thunder and lightning, only to clear up for the swearing in ceremony. We were greeted with a fly-over, our first of many at the Academy. We looked up surreptitiously unsure if we were supposed/allowed to look up at the passing jets. Vice Admiral Ryan, the Grand Ole Supe, welcomed us to the Naval Academy. At the time, we did not how good we had it with him. After saying goodbye to all that we knew, we entered the world of the unknown...Plebe Summer had officially started, or so we thought.

The first few days were a kinder and gentler Plebe Summer than most of us had anticipated filled with briefings and placement tests. But all good things must come to an end, and sure enough, we awoke one morning to find totally new detailers yelling at us. Apparently, sometime between the night before and that morning Plebe Summer kicked into high gear.

Camp Tecumseh was over and the big bad detailers were out. PEP was not the only physical workout the Class of 2005 received. Every mistake, every unmotivated sock, every unknown rate was subject to physical punishment. While not usually pleasant, the physical pain associated with mistakes soon helped you to remember not to do certain things. Of course there were times

when it was more amusing than anything else, days when the sweat flowed so freely that you couldn't even do a single push-up because your hands kept slipping and you'd come crashing down to the deck only to repeat the process while laughing with your classmate on the other side of the P-way who suffered a similar fate. Meanwhile your injured class mates armed with mops tried to soak up some of the sweat so that the detailers could continue their punishment. In case you really got out of line, there was the dreaded Quarterdeck: never a pleasant experience. If that failed, well, PMP with the Gunnys.

Plebe Summer wasn't just about physical development though. It was an immersion into, what was to most, an entirely new culture. Former POWs, astronauts, Holocaust survivors and generals tried to impress on us the ideals of loyalty, honor, commitment, service, sacrifice, and duty. No one will ever forget the heart-wrenching "Attention to Detail" talk accompanied by "Lean on Me" playing softly in the background, the body bag lying on the cold hard floor, the free flowing tears on every face, the staggering emotion in the voices revealing the real life tragedies they experienced due to carelessness. Right then and there we vowed that we would not let that happen to those under our command.

We had parades and drill to teach us military discipline and teamwork. The O-Course, the old E-Course, the brand-new Tarzan Assault Course, the Squad Combat Course, tested as individuals to give us confidence in ourselves and forced us to work together to learn to trust those around us. We fought our way through the Plebe Hack. We built strong arms from holding out our pillow cases stuffed with our sheets in the mornings before PEP. We had sailing with the Ensigns, a chance for us to push our socks down and let loose for a few short hours. We had Aught-Five Hour in Dahlgren with the chaplains and Krispy Kreme. We traveled to Baltimore for an Orioles baseball game where we showed off our new whites and gorged ourselves on hotdogs and soda.

Sir Galahad
WELCOMES YOU
TO
PARENTS
WEEKEND
CLASS
OF
2005

Plebe Parents' Weekend couldn't have come fast enough for most, but when it did come, many spent it sleeping in their parents hotel rooms. We got our first taste of liberty. We wore our uniforms proudly, used sir and ma'am with regularity even when referring to our parents, and saw our significant others for the first time in six weeks. Plebes and their families packed restaurants in the Annapolis area and the Midstore lines were never-ending. All too soon, everyone came back Sunday with a new room fan and longing for Thanksgiving leave as detailers blasted Christmas Carols out their windows to greet our return to the confines of Bancroft Hall on Sunday night.

Parents weekend was not the end of Plebe Summer by any stretch of the imagination. First, we had to move out of our Plebe Summer rooms and into our rooms in our company areas. Some had it easy moving up, down, or over a few decks, others had the misfortune of trying to move out to 7th and 8th wings or for one company, Ricketts. Then came the last test of Plebe Summer, Brigade Trials to prove that we were ready to join the Brigade of Midshipmen.

Ah, the Brigade of Midshipmen, the entity we knew only through the stories our detailers had told us: the three-to-one upperclass to Plebe ratio, that it was Plebe Summer with chemistry. Hello night was a terrifying experience with 90 to 100 upperclass in your face asking you 100 different rates. During Reform, we would walk around in packs, afraid to venture off alone and get cornered. Rear Admiral Locklear, our first Commandant, told us "The Naval Academy is not Camelot." It wasn't perfect and it wasn't for everyone.

Once the year really began, we found out that things had been "slightly" exaggerated. The return of the Brigade showed us there where two standards, the Plebe standard of spotless uniforms and rooms and the Upper Class standard far below that. It was all a part of the indoctrination. Our first football game was a disappointment, the worst lost in Navy history to Georgia Tech, and foreshadowed the long season ahead of us. Instead of betting that we would win, we bet in the hope of betting the spread, but we always lost this year. Our first march on was also the last march on in front of St. John's for the next couple years as a tragedy was about to strike our country.

Plebe Year was rolling along just as it should, with pro-knowledge, chemistry, and calculus when a day dawned that changed our lives, our careers and our nation forever. September 11, 2001 occurred just a few weeks into our first semester on a regular Tuesday morning. Whether you were in Chem lab, leadership class, or taking a Calculus quiz, we all distinctly remember where we were and what we were doing when we found out. Classes were officially cancelled during fourth period and the Mids sent back to the protective walls of Bancroft Hall everyone gathered in the ward room to watch the chaos and devastation unfold. Lunch was rolling tray with no more than one battalion at a time in King Hall. No one knew what was really going on. Who attacked us? Why did they choose the targets they did? Were more attacks yet to come? We were glued to our computers and TVs as NADN delivered us images that we will never forget. We stood watch armed with our bayonets in front of every door to Bancroft, regardless of location. Suddenly, in the course of one fall morning, we were at war. President Bush addressed the nation that night and told the men and women of the Armed Forces to "be ready." He was speaking to us, though we were still in school, we had been given a new resolve and purpose.

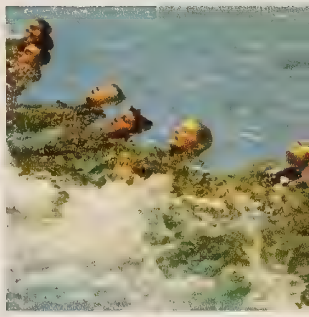
The country bounced back, as did we. A new sense of patriotism surged through the nation as we went back to our everyday lives. The football team still struggled, as we did with Plebe chemistry. The nation mobilized for war against the Taliban regime in Afghanistan that had given the terrorists who attacked us asylum and had oppressed its own people. We

departed on Thanksgiving leave and savoring our first taste of home since the end of June. People thanked us for our service to our country but we felt like we hadn't done anything yet.

Little did we know when we arrived on June 29 that we would be the last class to come to the Academy in peacetime for many years to come. Our nation was now at war, not with a country or an easily defined enemy, but against an expression of hatred so deep that men were willing to throw their lives away in suicide attacks to destroy our way of life. This war was going to be fought throughout our whole careers. We came in expecting to be part of a new era of peace and prosperity, to take advantage of free college, cool summer vacations, and guaranteed employment after graduation, only to find out that there was no joke about it, "We," as COL Allen would tell us so many times, "were a nation at war." On the lighter side, Thanksgiving break signaled the first semester's nearing end. We enjoyed the Thanksgiving feast, showed off our uniforms at home, and brought back some good material for pranks for the week of all weeks: Army Week.

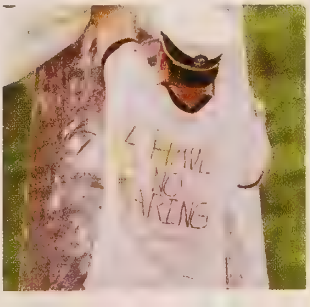
Army Week our Plebe Year was not just about the game. It was about crab meat that had been sitting in the ceilings since August coming out and getting used against the upperclass. It was about bringing out mattresses and having hall brawls with other companies and the other classes. It was about getting the detailers back for sending us to the quarterdeck. It was about flooding the deck with water and soap and practicing "carrier landings." It was drinking a "Beat Army," "assassinations" or "Wildmans" in King Hall. Most of all, it was time to get the exchange cadets. An all-time high for injuries, capped by a broken arm for one of the Army Cadets, led to the lock down of Army Week on Thursday night and the end of that kind of Army Week forever.

We survived our first Academy Finals and headed out on a Christmas leave that came and went far too quickly. The 2/C welcomed us back with Back to Basics. The Dark Ages set in and though it only snowed twice, the dreariness of second semester was still inescapable, classes were tougher and we became more and more tired of being Plebes. Spring Break couldn't come soon enough, but more importantly, Herndon loomed ever closer on the horizon.

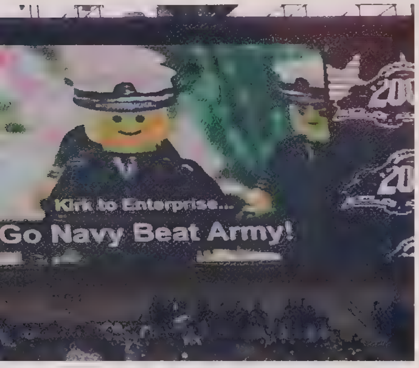


Sea Trials was held the week before Herndon and was the last stepping stone in our path. Our closing ceremony was held in Halsey, with us in dirty cammies and the Brigade watching in whites. We were given anchors by our cadre or members of the Class of 1955, but we couldn't wear them until after graduation (the way it should be). That night marked a new beginning as many of us headed out to town to celebrate, others headed to their racks to grab some much needed sleep.

Monday the following week was Herndon, the official end of Plebe year. We wrote funny phrases on our blue rims, like "Break Army" or "I have no bearing." We worked together as a team, building up and falling down together. We were close after about a half an hour, just a few feet short of the goal. Once we got up to the top, we soon found out that packing tape completely covered the Dixie Cup. After a little over two hours, Daniel Knott was to be our first Admiral. (He would leave before the end of Youngster year, so much for that prediction). "No more Plebes" rang out as our class prepared for the next step on our journey to May 27, 2005.



2002 graduated and went on its way as we put on our new stripe and headed into Youngster Summer. YPs or LANTPATTRAMID was the highlight for us all. An all expenses-paid trip to Boston, New York, and Newport with liberty in whites, a chance to bond with classmates, and the opportunity to earn the coveted "nerd nickel." V-berthing smelt something fierce after two weeks and anchor watch couldn't have been more boring though. Besides YPs, we also had to do CSNTS or NTT, or for those select few, Summer Seminar or Dive School. CSNTS meant hot racking, navigating through storms, and wrecking some sailboats. NTT was a time to play Marines and SEALs for two weeks and have a week of tours thrown in the middle. It was a good time to meet more classmates and get some liberty on the weekend.


Kirk to Enterprise...
Go Navy Beat Army!

After the summer, we were all thrust into new companies, with the Academy's practice of "shuffling" classes after Plebe Year. Some of us loved our new companies, some of us hated them. "Plebe-Year-with-carry-on" was a rough year. Cynicism began to creep in for some, as many of the things that we had thought were Naval Academy traditions were labeled bad habits. Admiral Naughton was not the Grand Old Supe that we had become accustomed to, and his incident with a gate guard become something of a joke within the Brigade. Three weekends just weren't enough either, as weekends were given out solely based on class. Army-Navy was a highlight and the steam rolling of Army demonstrated just what our Navy Football team would be capable of in the years to come.

Snow in the Dark Ages made staying in on Friday nights dreary. The blizzard of President's Day Weekend led to six-day weekends for some; for others it meant a few more days of CMOD. The "Shock and Awe" of Operation Iraqi Freedom began right after we returned from Spring Break. The end of the year brought the Youngster Luau with our class officers coming through with some good-looking shirts, because in the end, that's all mids really care about, the free shirt. The copious amounts of ice cream bars were pretty awesome as well.

Graduation that year was miserable. Despite the poor weather, the Class of 2003 was allowed to have their graduation and commissioning ceremonies outside. The other classes watched miserably as a huge rainstorm hung over the stadium dumping water on everyone. Not allowed Ike jackets, let alone rain coats, we scrounged for cover where we could: garbage bags, huddling together, trying to hide out in the bath rooms, or by the concession stands. In a moment of confusion, word was passed that the rest of the Brigade could head back. Many bolted right then and there, others waited for more definite word, only to hear that we did in fact have to stay for the remainder of the ceremonies. The hat toss finally came, we raced back to the hall to put the symbol of our new rank: dry CIVILIAN clothes.

Second Class Summer was also a good time for us to bond as a class. PROTRA-party was a great time; It helped us to start narrowing down our choices for service assignment. Some of us had the privilege of being detailer for '07. It was a lot of work and the limited liberty barely gave you a chance to recharge before going back at it. No spot corrections and being told we were not providing enough "positive reinforcement" challenged us to come up with new ways to train and left some wonder if this was what we had really signed up for. Whatever your feelings, we experienced a leadership opportunity that could not be replaced. The Grey Hull cruises were definitely a highlight for some. By luck of the draw, our class was spread across the world, from San Diego to Norfolk, from Hawaii to Earle, New Jersey.

We came back in the fall with civilian clothes and cars, and the role of trainer. Those of us who had spent our summer with that role were the last Second Class detailers. Second class year saw our weekends increased to 5 per semester and Tuesday and Friday night liberty was a very welcome addition to go along with all of our new responsibilities. Signing the 2-7 papers had meant partying for the classes ahead of us, but like many other "traditions" was labeled a "bad habit". We signed commitment papers and treated to a dinner, complete with speakers and Catawba.

We braved the ravages of Hurricane Isabelle, "the Storm of the Century", which wreaked havoc on the yard and resulted in millions of dollars in damage. Due to extensive flooding, classes originally held in the lab deck of Rickover and the 0-Deck of Sampson and Maury where parcelled out to wardrooms, Alumni Hall, just about anywhere where there was litte or no damage. The Navy even brought in a mobile barracks (APL-61) to provide more rooms. The labs in Rickover were completely knocked out of commission and would only really start to come back online our Firstie year. But we bounced back as we always do and the semester moved on.

The football team came into form as we beat Air Force at FedEx Field and crushed Army at the Linc in Philly to improve from 0-10 and 2-10 our plebe and youngster years to 8-4 second class year. We captured the Commander-in-Chief's trophy and earned a bowl berth in the Houston Bowl. We also gained cult icons for our class in Kyle Eckel and Bobby "the Club" McClarin.

The Spring saw more snow, more Dark Age dreariness but this time there was something to brighten our skies. The Second Class career starter loan of up to $25,000 was given to us just a few weeks before Spring Break. With it, we went on awesome Spring Break trips, bought cars, paid for our class rings, and just blew it on alcohol. Some of us invested it, but some decided to enjoy every penny right then.

One thing we did spend money on was Ring Dance. Once again, our class officers stepped up big time and put together a great night. We were the first class in recent memory to have clear skies and no rain. Hospital Point was the site of the party under the tent and fireworks over the water. Our rings were christened in water from the Seven Seas and we were one step closer to graduation.

As the covers of the Class of 2004 flew in the air, we dashed back to the Yard with our new horizontal stripes to get our parking stickers. We brought our cars on the Yard. Every member of the Class of 2005 was required to serve in a leadership capacity under Admiral Rempt's revamping of the summer training programs. Detail became an all First Class affair, more firsties were needed for CSNTS and being a firstie on the YPs meant more responsibilities than in previous years. Leatherneck was a chance for potential Marines to see how they would measure up and our cruises this summer gave us a glimpse of life as a junior officer.

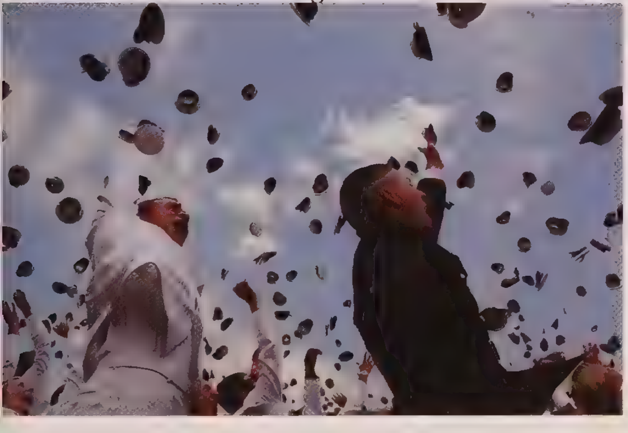
There is a saying that the two best ranks in the Navy are Admiral and Midshipman First Class. It didn't matter if you were a squad leader, team captain or striper, this was going to be a great year for us all. Events leading to graduation came and went with lightning speed. Firstie Parents' Weekend came in September and brought a victory over Vandy and tailgating with parents in the parking lot afterwards.

Service Assignment was drastically changed for us. What had traditionally occurred in the first few weeks of second semester had been moved to the week before Thanksgiving. Tensions were high as the overmanning of the Navy and the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan created changes in the numbers going into each branch. Some members of our class would receive "unassigned" in their envelopes, as the needs of the service were not yet certain.

The semester rolled on. The football team had its best record in a hundred years, defending the Commander-in-Chief's thanks to classmate Geoff Blumenfeld's last second field goal against Air Force and a Class of 2005-led shellacking of Army. Aaron Polanco led the team to victory in San Francisco at the Emerald Bowl. Brigade morale was at an all-time high for us. We held march on through DTA for the first time in years and partied like rock stars in the parking lot after the games. It wasn't without incidents though, from streaking to directing traffic on Main Street in Mess Dress, we knew how to make it count.

The Dark Ages didn't matter to us as we were on the way out. Since our fates had since been decided, we coasted more in the spring than previous classes. Service Selection beginning of February told us where we going after graduation. Beer flowed and the celebrations continued. One last college Spring Break and the real world waited just a few short months away.

Commissioning Week was a week that will not be forgotten. Of course. Though it rained a few times, the good times rolled. Graduation practices and the last briefs we would have to sit through as mids signaled the end. No more Dittlemeyer!!! The 55 degree graduation practice left something to be desired, especially at 6am, but it was all a means to an end. Graduation itself was warm. President Bush gave our commencement speech, and shook hands and posed for pictures with every graduating senior. I don't think any of us can forget how it felt when John Burger, our beloved class president, finally led us in three cheers for those we leave behind.



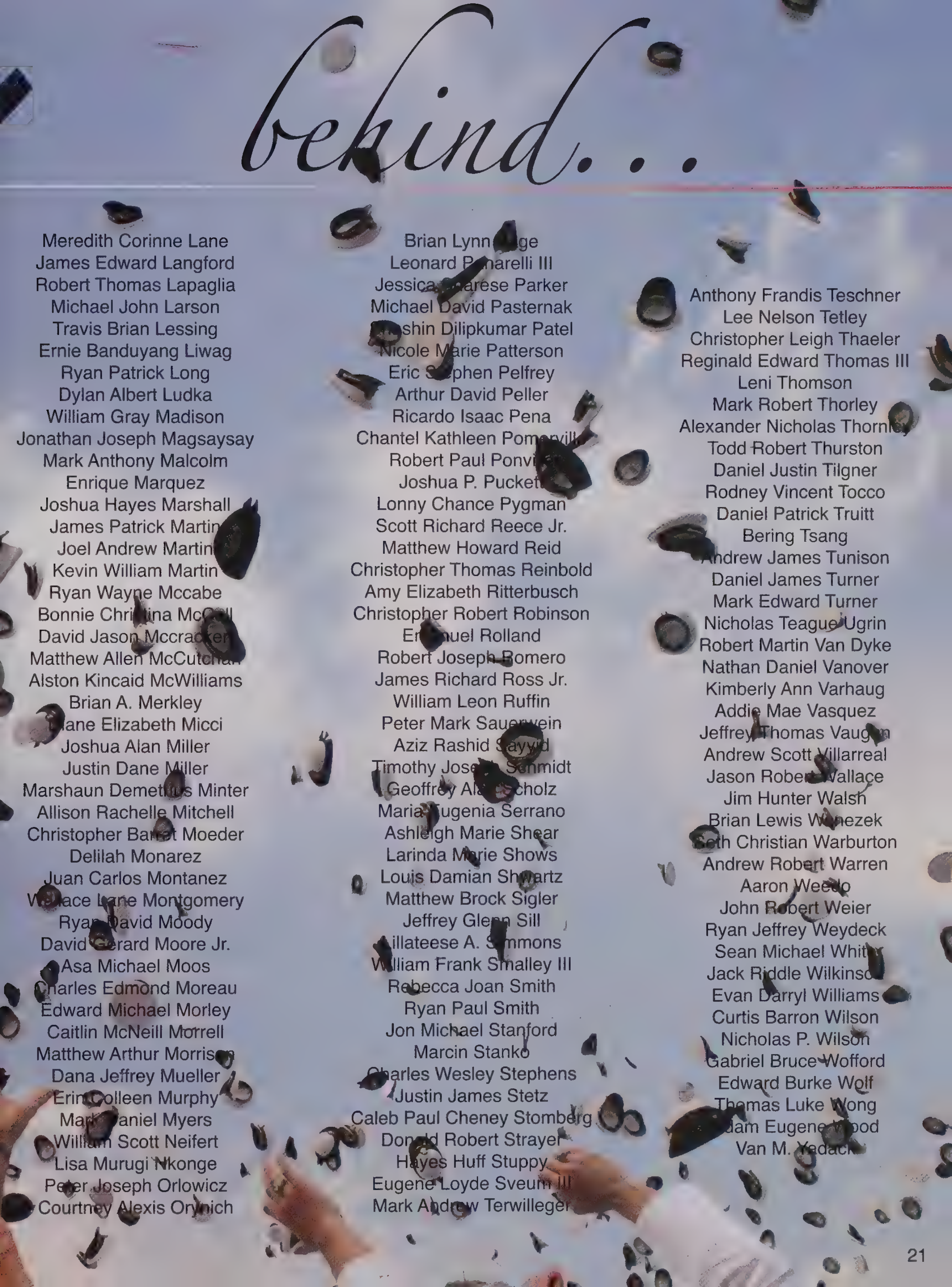
So this is the story of the United Stated Naval Academy Class of 2005. I hope this has helped you remember the times we shared. During his last Commandant's Call to us, Captain Leidig said that we might possibly be the greatest class in the history of the Naval Academy. With three Rhodes Scholars, a 24th ranked football team, countless All-Americans in numerous sports, national recognition in so many different areas, we could have been a great class at a normal university. We were a great Naval Academy class because of our leadership, our dedication and drive, our ownership of the Brigade. We raised the standard. It has been an unforgettable ride for us all, with ups and downs along the way. The saying goes, "its not a great place to be at, but it's a great place to be from." Well...We made it a great place to be at!!!

those we left

Ian Michael Alexander
Joshua Paul Allen
Lydia Elizabeth Allen
Jared Michael Angus
Charles Hess Anton
Adam Wade Arnold
Anthony Walter Artrip
Jason Christopher Atwell
Eric Troy Bailey
Michael David Baird
Bret Michael Barattini
Joseph Adam Barber
Francis Julian Barry III
Chris John Behrendt
Jenny Lile Bellington
Michael Alan Bennett
Sara Noelle Bethune
Alyssa Leeann Bishop
Ion Christopher Blevins
Matthew Richard Boeck
Adam Christopher Bones
Jesse Antonio Bostwick
Casey Robert Boyer
Scott C. Braseth
John Philip Brasy
Beauman Kent Breeden
Stephen Timothy Bright
Brett William Britten
Franklin Robert Brown
Stephanie Anne Brown
Talmage Christopher Brown
Christopher Eugene Bruun
Matthew John Burch
Jason Ezra Burget
Jeremy Allen Calhoun
Andrea Louise Carlson
Travis Dean Chamberlain
Michael Jay Chang
Brandon Floyd Clare
Julian Lucio Clark
Silas Wade Clements
Jacquelyn Mills Clover

Gregory Scott Cochran
Amy Frances Collins
Keith Rao Mic Collins
Christopher James Conklin
Kami Lynn Conklin
Joseph John Conn[illegible]
Mitchell Steven Conner
Brandon Elliott Cooley
Aaron James Corm[illegible]
Benjamin Trevor Cox
Joel Edward Croskey
Nicholas Paul Crosley
Luke Pierre Cruz
Christopher Gerard Cuellar
Johnathan Marcell Cummings
Enrique Davila Jr.
John Wiley Dennis III
Allen Wayne Derton
Christina Rae Diamond
Maria Dipaolo
Charles Bradley Dixon
Nicholas Charles Donzelli
Phillip Timothy Doughty
Jason Joseph Dupre
Christopher M[illegible]ola Dworjan
Megan Hoyt Dycus
Scott Charles Eagon
Kevin Ryan Elgan
Dustin Thomas Elliott
Alex Patrick Evans
Damon Lyon Fav[illegible]
David Albert Fechteldarwent
Bryan Andrew Feinstein
Jack Joseph Fern[illegible]
Benjamin Daniel Fo[illegible]
Samuel Dennis Fra[illegible]er
Aida Tharwat Gadelkarim
Jeffrey John Gelzinis II
Vanessa Jacqueline Gentzen
Matthew Wayne Gilbert
Jennifer Michelle Gill
Damien D. Givens
Troy Ryan Goldberg
Michael Anthony Gonzalez
Christy Janeroot Grimm

Christopher Hessert Gunderman
Sarah Jo Haack
Michael Charles Hall
Joshua Paul Hamme
William Alexander Haro III
Oliver William Harper IV
Timothy Charles Harrington
Adam Patrick Hartley
Chad Michael Harwo[illegible]
Joshua M. H[illegible]es
Julia Elizabeth [illegible]eard
John Wilson Hickey
Jess Thompson Hiller IV
Alexis Sue Hitchings
Ryan Michael Holsapple
Caroline Gi Yeon Hong
Karen Ann Howard
David Hsu
John Trenholm Hull Jr.
Stephanie Marie Hurst
Skye Alexis Is[illegible]c
Chris[illegible]e Me[illegible]er Jefferies
Alexander [illegible]
A[illegible] John-[illegible]
Jonathan Earl Johnson
Kristopher Warren Johnson III
Martin William Johnson
Matthew Allen Johnson
Matthias David Johnson
Robert Conrad Johnson
Grady Kent Jones
Jacob William Jones
Larry J[illegible]es Jones
Robert C. Jones
Vincent Paul Jones
Keeson Nymann Jurick
Brian M. Kilpatrick
Christopher Kim
Shane Russell Kirkbride
Richard Matthew Kmack
Daniel David Knott
Brianne M. Kosavanna
Hollis Ann Kovach
Kristine Emily Krumpelman
Robert Fencl Kysela



behind...

Meredith Corinne Lane
James Edward Langford
Robert Thomas Lapaglia
Michael John Larson
Travis Brian Lessing
Ernie Banduyang Liwag
Ryan Patrick Long
Dylan Albert Ludka
William Gray Madison
Jonathan Joseph Magsaysay
Mark Anthony Malcolm
Enrique Marquez
Joshua Hayes Marshall
James Patrick Martin
Joel Andrew Martin
Kevin William Martin
Ryan Wayne Mccabe
Bonnie Christina McCall
David Jason Mccracken
Matthew Allen McCutchan
Alston Kincaid McWilliams
Brian A. Merkley
Diane Elizabeth Micci
Joshua Alan Miller
Justin Dane Miller
Marshaun Demetrius Minter
Allison Rachelle Mitchell
Christopher Barrat Moeder
Delilah Monarez
Juan Carlos Montanez
Wallace Lane Montgomery
Ryan David Moody
David Gerard Moore Jr.
Asa Michael Moos
Charles Edmond Moreau
Edward Michael Morley
Caitlin McNeill Morrell
Matthew Arthur Morrison
Dana Jeffrey Mueller
Erin Colleen Murphy
Mark Daniel Myers
William Scott Neifert
Lisa Murugi Nkonge
Peter Joseph Orlowicz
Courtney Alexis Orynich

Brian Lynn Page
Leonard Panarelli III
Jessica Charese Parker
Michael David Pasternak
Roshin Dilipkumar Patel
Nicole Marie Patterson
Eric Stephen Pelfrey
Arthur David Peller
Ricardo Isaac Pena
Chantel Kathleen Pomerville
Robert Paul Ponvi[illegible]
Joshua P. Puckett
Lonny Chance Pygman
Scott Richard Reece Jr.
Matthew Howard Reid
Christopher Thomas Reinbold
Amy Elizabeth Ritterbusch
Christopher Robert Robinson
Emmanuel Rolland
Robert Joseph Romero
James Richard Ross Jr.
William Leon Ruffin
Peter Mark Sauerwein
Aziz Rashid Sayyid
Timothy Joseph Schmidt
Geoffrey Alan Scholz
Maria Eugenia Serrano
Ashleigh Marie Shear
Larinda Marie Shows
Louis Damian Shwartz
Matthew Brock Sigler
Jeffrey Glenn Sill
Lillateese A. Simmons
William Frank Smalley III
Rebecca Joan Smith
Ryan Paul Smith
Jon Michael Stanford
Marcin Stanko
Charles Wesley Stephens
Justin James Stetz
Caleb Paul Cheney Stomberg
Donald Robert Strayer
Hayes Huff Stuppy
Eugene Loyde Sveum III
Mark Andrew Terwilleger

Anthony Frandis Teschner
Lee Nelson Tetley
Christopher Leigh Thaeler
Reginald Edward Thomas III
Leni Thomson
Mark Robert Thorley
Alexander Nicholas Thornley
Todd Robert Thurston
Daniel Justin Tilgner
Rodney Vincent Tocco
Daniel Patrick Truitt
Bering Tsang
Andrew James Tunison
Daniel James Turner
Mark Edward Turner
Nicholas Teague Ugrin
Robert Martin Van Dyke
Nathan Daniel Vanover
Kimberly Ann Varhaug
Addie Mae Vasquez
Jeffrey Thomas Vaughn
Andrew Scott Villarreal
Jason Robert Wallace
Jim Hunter Walsh
Brian Lewis Wanezek
Seth Christian Warburton
Andrew Robert Warren
Aaron Weedo
John Robert Weier
Ryan Jeffrey Weydeck
Sean Michael Whitley
Jack Riddle Wilkinson
Evan Darryl Williams
Curtis Barron Wilson
Nicholas P. Wilson
Gabriel Bruce Wofford
Edward Burke Wolf
Thomas Luke Wong
Adam Eugene Wood
Van M. Yedack

Honorary Graduates

The Honorary Graduates of the Class of 2005 were chosen after a careful selection process. Individuals within '05 selected those people who they thought had demonstrated unwavering commitiment and service to the Naval Academy in general and to our class specifically. All nominees were then compiled by the class officers and a survey set up to allow the class to choose the three that they beleived best met the criteria. In the end three individuals stood out among the rest. They were Major Nagel, Commander Ronan, and GYSGT Baker. Each of these individuals have shown remarkable dedication to the Midshipmen of the United States Naval Academy, and the Class of 2005 wishes to reward them with this small token of our appreciation. Congradulations and welcome to the Class of 2005.

Commander Kevin Ronan

Commander "Doc" Ronan has done more than act as a doctor to our class. He has shown us to focus not only on the individual, but to care for them as well. Whenever we came to see him, he was eager to help us get well and back out being physically active, but never at the cost of our health. On top of all this, he showed us a sense of humor that was somehow able to make us smile no matter how poorly we felt, often easing our anxieties when we most often needed it. When informed that he was elected one of our honorary graduates, he remarked that he was actually the primary care provider for the Class of 2006, saying, "You don't think they will mind do you?" Whatever the Class of 2006 feels, the Class of 2005 is privileged to have Commander Ronan as an honorary member of our class.

Major Jeff Nagel, USMC

Major Nagel is a Law and Marine Corps Practicum Professor and helps coach the men's rugby team. But what really defines his time at the Academy is a quote written in large letters on his dry erase board: "IT'S ABOUT THE MIDSHIPMEN." As Major Nagel explains it, "Loyalty goes both ways...I battled for the Midshipmen, because it is not about being liked, it is about doing the right thing." He has battled so much that he was surprised he was allowed to receive this award, but as he puts it, "you do not work hard for rewards because what makes a difference at the end of the day is the effect you have on those around you." Major Nagel has indeed had a profound effect on each member of the Class of 2005.

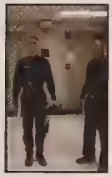
GYSGT Judd Baker, USMC

Gunny Sergeant Baker came to the Academy after being a scout sniper and is now the 30th Company Senior Enlisted. He is also involved with several teams on the yard. What he is really known throughout the brigade for, though, is pacing every single mile-and-a-half run for all thirty companies during the PRT for the last three years. He believes that if he can pass thirty runs, he can motivate the midshipmen to believe they can pass one. He says, "I will never ask the Mids to do something I am not able to do myself." Two years ago in June, Gunny Baker fell four stories while helping to run a Marine Corps summer training program, breaking multiple bones in his body. The doctors believed he would be learning to walk again after 6 months, but at the 6 month mark he was training for a marathon. He not only finished, but ran a personal best. "The first thing you read when you crack a book on leadership is that you lead by example. Gunny has been an excellent example to our class.

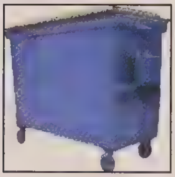
you a member of the class of 2005 if...

you didn't get to pick up mail everyday of plebe summer

you were a plebe summer detailer twice and a squad leader both times



100s night meant more than skits and a fancy dinner



you stood watch in the laundry room/ on red beach/in smoke hall/in front of dumpsters for terrorists with bayonettes

you didn't get a weekend for football games

you were the first class to not get issued cotton whites, and instead got CNTs

you were welcomed to the Brigade as the first class with a 10 o'clock curfew

P.M.P. didn't just mean permanent military professor

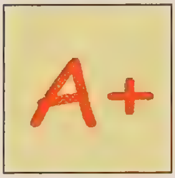
the detailers you saw I-day were not the same as four days later and none of them were in your ac year company

you showed up on I-day thinking the next war was ten years away

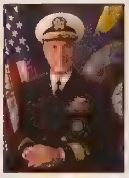
the quarterdeck wasn't just a place you boarded a ship at

you lived in Ricketts or knew someone who did

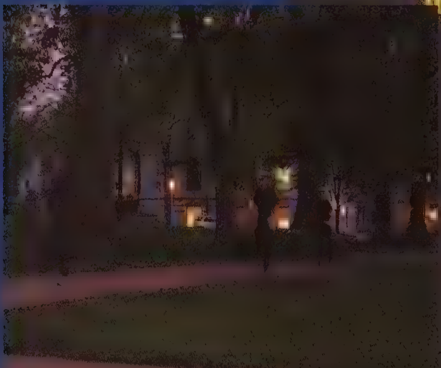
murder boards were the sole source of your performance grade



you used to read emails that were signed "SJL"



"The spirit of the Brigade...



t
u
e
s
d
a
y

...is on restriction."

"DTA....good times!"

tuesday

"They call it stormy Monday, yes
but Tuesday's just as bad..."

the

year

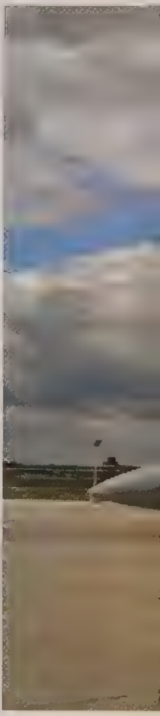
summer cruise 2005

by Lynne Hoppe

The best summer in a Midshipman's career is that final summer before graduation. By now, most midshipmen know what community they want and use the summer to finalize their choice. Those who wish to pursue Naval Aviation go on an aviation cruise, and those interested in the Surface Warfare Community, take another surface cruise. Some 1/C opt to do YPs or sailing again, but this time as either a CO or XO in order to gain valuable experience of being in charge of a number of people.

Some of those highly motivated 1/C wanting to go Marine Corps sign up for Leatherneck, a training block down in Quantico, Virginia where 1/C get a taste of what the 6-month TBS (The Basic School) will be like once commissioned as a Marine Corps Officer.

Due to the transition, the Class of 2005 had the wonderful opportunity to train the incoming Plebe Class of 2008. Learning from the mistakes of the previous summer, the 1/C had everything ready and prepared to go to train the plebes hard in order for them to begin their Naval Academy career right.



Above: Firsties get a taste of speed in an aviation cruise. Left Page: Mids embark on a sub.

"I was in Maine for an aviation cruise with a P-3 squadron. They go on eight hour flights so I got some good sleep in the racks on the plane in addition to flying."

1/c Hedrick

summer cruise 2006

by Lynne Hoppe

Another summer has come and gone. The Class of 2006 got stuck being the transitional year to let the new summer changes go into effect. YPs again anyone? Almost half the class had to do YPs again in order to make room for half of the Class of 2007 to complete a grey hull cruise. Its ok, they will complete that graduation requirement next summer. With the shifting of plebe summer detail back to first class only (meaning a repeat of detail for many from the class of 2005), this past summer almost felt like a youngster cruise all over again. However, they weren't complaining with some of the assignments that were given out, sending many to different parts of the US and the world.

The second part of the summer was, for most of the Class of 2006, spent in a PROTRAMID (Professional Training for Midshipmen) block either on the West coast in sunny San Diego, or on the East Coast in Norfolk. First, PROTRAMID gave 2/C an opportunity to spend one week running around with Marines doing humps, an endurance course, learning squad tactics, performing landing zone drills, firing multiple Marine squad weapons, and of course, lots of PT! Another week was spent learning about the aviation community with a flight squadron. Some chose a helicopter squadron; others chose one with faster aircraft, like an S-3 squadron. Most 2/C were lucky enough to be allowed to pilot the Navy's multi-million dollar aircraft! Next, the 2/C were given the chance to learn about submarines and life aboard a submarine.

FOR
ENTRY
T-LINE
DG-700

Best part of all, they were taken on tour to see parts of a submarine that are never disclosed. Spending 24 hours underway (and underwater), 2/C had a blast hanging out on a submarine, learning how to handle tight spaces and go through a few submarine drills. Finally, a week was spent in the beautiful halls of Bancroft. 2/C were brought back together to a classroom environment and reviewed skills to become a better writer and more a better public speaker. The English Department put their heads together to come up with the best layout to improve public speaking skills in a short amount of time.

Aside from PROTRAMID, some 2/C were able to be a part of Plebe Summer by teaching by doing Weapons Detail. These select few taught the incoming Class of 2008 to shoot to earn their pistol and rifle qualifications.

Top: Four Mids participate in the aviation part of PROTRAMID. Above: Marine Week. Left Page: A Mid comes out of a hatch on a submarine cruise.

In Protramid, each week gave us a chance to look into the different communities. We never got too bored with one specific area.

2/c Regelin

summer cruise 2007

Ahhhh, the summer came and we were finally not Plebes anymore! We used the skills we learned in our Navigation and Seamanship course and got firsthand experience of what being on a bridge feels like.

With the Class of 2007 being split up to finish out the changes for summer cruises, half of the class did YPs and the other half did their grey hull cruise. YPs had a lot of time underway. Liberty ports in New York City, Boston, and Charleston gave us some downtime and a chance to go have some fun. Getting at least two days of liberty in each port visit, the Class of 2007 was able to take in the sites of other great American cities. The next summer the halves will flip flop and complete their graduating requirements they did not fulfill the previous summer.

The Class of 2007 was the first class to have everyone in the class required to complete a sailing cruise aboard one of the Naval Academy's 44's. The sailing cruise offers Youngsters their first true experience working with small units. Braving weather and "hot-racking", 2007 sailed on to new experiences and slightly saltier ways.

The youngsters of 2007 were also given the opportunity to practice what they had learned over the year as many took on the role of squad leader for the class of 2009 Summer Seminar Candidates. Going to PEP in the morning, marching their charges to a cadence, and being accountable for the candidates were all challenges they faced.

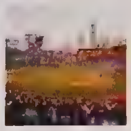
As much as we learned and enjoyed the summer can be summed up in four words: "We're Plebes No More!"

Mids crank the sails on the Navy 44's during summer cruise.

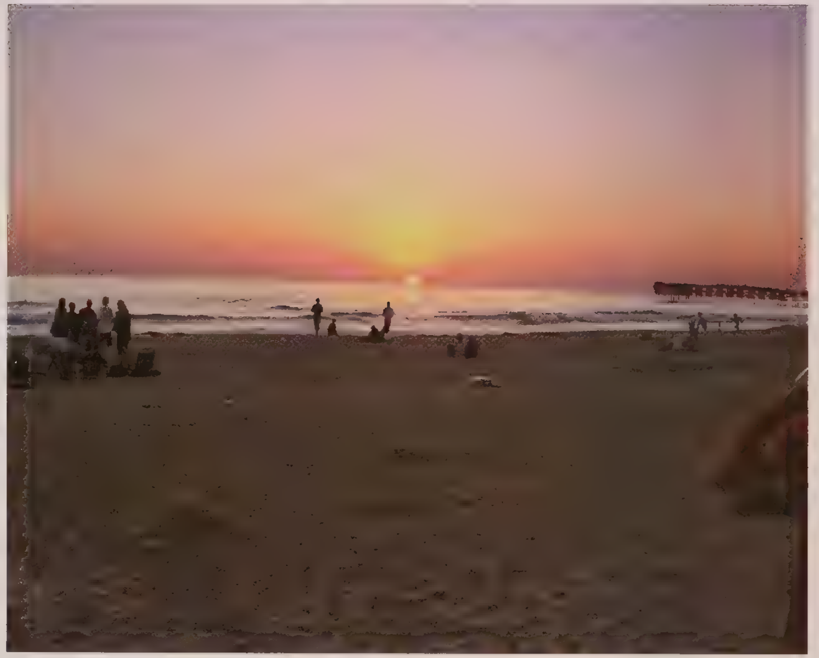
Above: Mids stand around on a ship during their youngster summer. Left Page: Cleaning is just one other great time had on YPs.

"San
Diego
was a
great
time."

3/c Lapp



Everyone can be glad they are on summer cruise instead of in this picture!



Above: Some of the liberty ports visited by midshipmen. Mids always find a way to have fun in any port they get to. Right page: 1/c Rogers on cruise.

liberty ports

by Lynne Hoppe

Although summer cruises afford mids a chance to get out and be away from the Yard, liberty is always a welcome event. From New York City to the countryside of Japan, liberty ports are a beloved part of any summer cruise. New and different compared to the streets of downtown Annapolis, mids often frequent local clubs, bars and tourist attractions while on cruise.

On YPs, mids can enjoy port visits in Newport, Boston and New York City. Most of the cities open their arms to the visiting members of the Navy with discounts on admission to shows and other local events. With these port visits coming every two to four days, mids can really see some of the northeast and experience much of the New England part of the country.

Cruises to ships, squadrons and other training events also offer many new sites. Those mids lucky enough to get a cruise in Japan or Europe get to see the world and culture of far off places. They are often welcome to visits embassies and government facilities. Many of the tours they may take are not offered to general tourists. These trips give a real insight to how the Navy is seen in other countries.

Aviation cruises are another way to see more of the United States. Whether it be in Mayport, FL, or San Diego, CA, mids are given a look at the after-work-hours lives of pilots. Most of these visits do not include foreign ports, but rather a look into what the fleet does when it is not at work. The beach, the local pub, and maybe the nearest scenic hiking trail are all local flavor that mids are given the chance to sample.

Even more lucky are the mids that are chosen to go on the COX Fund and NOLS cruises. Their trips are once in a lifetime events that both allow them to immerse themselves in different cultures and be challenged by being out on their own. The free time on cruises is some of the more cherished memories for mids.

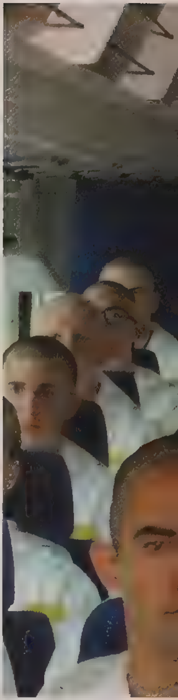
plebe summer

by Lynne Hoppe

Induction Day, or I-Day, is the start of a Naval Academy career. Deemed one of the longest days of their lives, plebes enter Alumni Hall as civilians and come out plebes. In Alumni they are issued uniforms and given their first military hair cut. They hear that traditional saying "the first and last words out of your mouth will be sir or ma'am, do you understand?" Usually their initial response is along the lines of "yes" or "uh-huh." Most usually pick up what they're supposed to say, it just may take a few times before they finally reply "Sir/ma'am, yes sir/ma'am." And with that first little test, they know their lives are forever changed and that the next six weeks will be challenging to say the least.

The first set of plebe summer concentrates on physical training, rates, and drill. The first set cadre are there to take them from their civilian ways and create a more military way of thinking. Physical, emotional, and mental burdens are placed on the plebes to see how they will react. The idea is that they learn to work as a team and help each other in order to complete others daunting tasks successfully. Only by learning to work together will they survive plebe summer and plebe year.

The first three weeks pass and first set comes to and end. But there's still three more weeks left and a new challenge is introduced: second set cadre arrive hungry and with endless energy.



"From I-Day on, plebes are placed in tough situations. Making them come together as a team is the main objective. First set detail takes the plebes from the frying pan of Alumni hall and places them in the fire of Bancroft."

Gieorag Andrews

OUTHEAST
Corporation
Silver
301·589·4002

The long ride from Alumni Hall to Bancroft after the transition from civilian to plebe has been made.

plebe summer

by Lynne Hoppe

Over the first few weeks the plebes have gradually been molded into the mental, physical, and military demands of the Naval Academy. With the arrival of a new set of cadre on the scene each plebe begins with a fresh start. Now they are no longer the naive plebes rolling through the halls of Bancroft on I-Day but rather plebes that have developed the beginning of an understanding of what their new life asks of them. Armed with this information gained through the numerous mess-ups that unavoidably accompany the first set they prepare for what the next phase has in store for them

Second set of Plebe summer reinforces all the things that were presented during first set. Drill is now a daily ritual. Many plebes actually begin to see signs of improvement in the morning physical program, or PEP, or at least they know they don't want to go to swim PEP.

Plebes get to go to the rifle and pistol range and participate in many more team building activities. The only thing better than the thought of Sunday's '08 hour where plebes can relax a bit without detailers there to harass them, is the hope that Plebe Parents weekend is around the corner.

During Plebe Summer, 4/C learn to shoot both the pistol and the rifle.

Plebes of Foxtrot company climb the stairs back to Bancroft Hall after a morning of PEP.

After Plebe summer, you'll be able to push through more than you ever thought you could.

4/c Regnier

"I didn't make it back to reform."

Midshipmen enjoy First Night activities including food on Farragut field, pugil sticks, a moon bounce maze, and of course Naval Academy free stuff.

2/c Jayroe

WORDEN FIELD

Reform means seeing all the company mates again and having lots of time to meet with them out on Worden Field for drill practice.

reform

by Lynne Hoppe

Reform kicks off with First Night festivities including good food, good fun and free stuff. A firework display caps the night and keeps everyone in good spirits. Soon enough Mids are back in the swing of things with drill, briefs and classes. The exchange of fun stories of summer cruises and vacations give way to group study sessions. Soon reform will seem like a distant military obligation, but for the time being, everyone has something to be happy about.

The reform of the Brigade means different things for different Midshipmen. For the Plebes, it means that now they don't have to wear white works anymore and deal with the rigors of Plebe summer. On the other hand, now there are three upperclass for every one plebe. Plebes have Hello Night, classes and pro-knowledge to look forward to.

For the youngsters, reform is the first time they can walk around the yard with someone really lower than them on the totem pole. They've gained music, curved walkways and freedom. And the most important part is they are no longer considered Plebes.

The second-class have a first look at their new projects: the plebes. With fire in their eyes, they attack chow call stations with vigor. They are halfway done with their time at the Naval Academy and everything is looking up for them.

The firsties look forward to everything being their last. The last first day of school, the last six week exam, the last speech by Capt. Larry Dittlemeyer. Everything is downhill and the end is definitely in sight. Finally the light at the end of the tunnel is not just oncoming traffic.

DONT GIVE UP
THE SHIP

2/c commitment dinner

by Lynne Hoppe

After two long years at the Naval Academy, one must make a choice: stay in the Navy or Marine Corps for at least another seven years or get out now. For many the choice is simple and signing on the dotted line is easy. For others, it's not so easy. After the Class of 2006 signed their papers, they headed to Alumni Hall for their Commitment Dinner. With speakers from the class of 1956, their 50 year link in the chain and sponsor class, mids sat in Alumni Hall and enjoyed a celebration. Members of the Class of 1956 sat at the tables with the second class to share stories and wish '06 well in the future.

The experience brought them closer together as a class because many of them knew they would be in the Navy for at least the next 7 years. With this in mind, '06 came together and embraced the challenge. Juggling the hardest year in academics and various other extracurricular activities, the '06 took on their new roles as platoon sergeants, first sergeants, etc. Training the plebes and keeping up with other work were just some of the ways '06 showed they were ready for this commitment.

"Seeing all my classmates come together reaffirming our commitment brought us closer together as a class."

2/c Cady

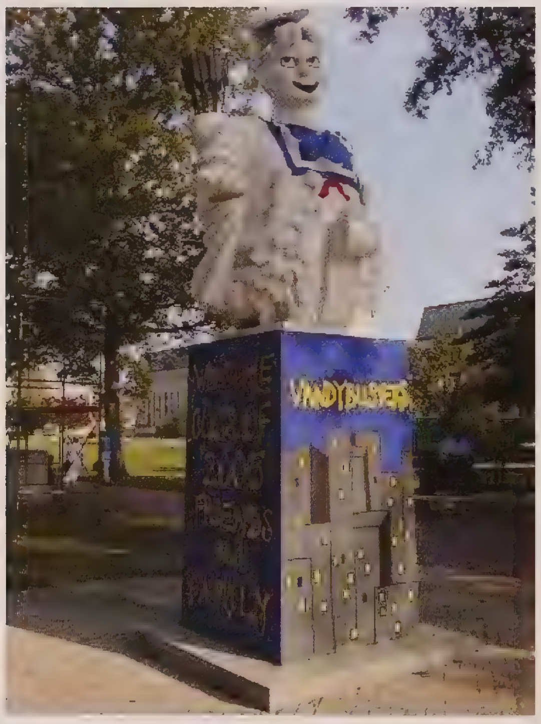
1/c parents weekend

by Lynne Hoppe

As a firstie, there is always something to look forward to. First class parent's weekend gives the firsties a chance to show off to their parents what they have been doing for the past four years. Parents are only allowed to go into Bancroft Hall with their Midshipmen twice during their career, once during plebe summer and once during firstie parents weekend.

The Academy provides plenty of entertainment for the families and friends of Midshipmen. From Glee Club and band concerts to formal parades and Silent Drill Team performances, there is always something going on. Another treat for the parents and mids is a football game. This year against Vanderbilt, the weather was beautiful and the firsties were able to enjoy the game with their parents in the stands.

In typical Midshipmen fashion, most firsities used the opportunity of parents weekend to get away from the yard. Going out to a nice dinner or relaxing in a hotel room and catching up on the latest reality TV show, mids enjoyed the time spent with their family.



“I really enjoyed partying with my parents all weekend!”

1/c Ehler

Above (Top): The brigade enjoys a meal from King Hall with parents in attendance. (Bottom): Families get a chance to see what life is like in Bancroft Hall. Left Page (Top): A father gets in the tailgater spirit at the Navy Vanderbilt game. (Bottom): Tecumseh painted in honor of Firstie Parents Weekend and for a victory of Vanderbilt.

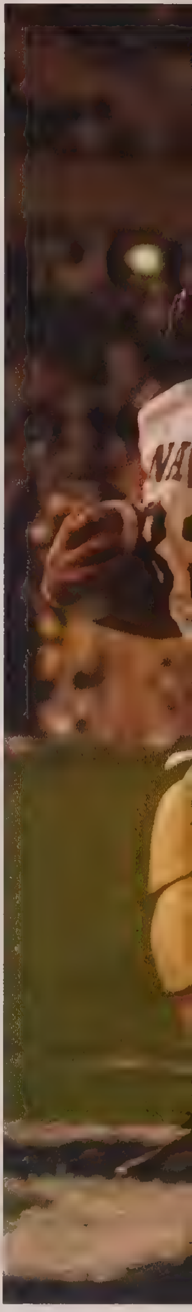
ACK
QTR
NAVY
34
27

navy/ air force

By Justin Middlebrook

September 30, 2004
United States Air Force Academy
Colorado Springs, CO

After beating Air Force at home during the 2003-2004 season, Navy decided it was time to beat Air Force on its own turf. Several hundred Midshipmen invaded Colorado Springs to cheer on the undefeated Navy team. Meanwhile the rest of the Brigade watched the action from Alumni Hall. The Falcons, hungry after last year's loss, looked to redeem itself by defeating Navy at home. But the Mids had other plans as they held the Falcons to just 2 field goals in the first half. Navy picked up 2 TDs in the 2nd quarter, but would not score again until the 4th when Eckel rushed for a 3 yard TD. Air Force countered on their next drive and tied the game with just 2:21 left. Not content to settle for a tie, Navy quickly moved the ball back down the field. Reminiscent of the Notre Dame game last season, in which Notre Dame kicked a field goal with 5 seconds remaining, Navy fans held their breath as Blumenfeld came out to make the attempt. After Air Force took two timeouts trying to unnerve Blumenfeld, Blumenfeld made his first field goal of the season as the ball sailed between the uprights to give Navy a 24-21 lead with 4 seconds left. Air Force could not come back, giving Navy the victory as Alumni Hall erupted in an uproar as the Midshipmen finally dared to breath again after the incredibly intense final moments.



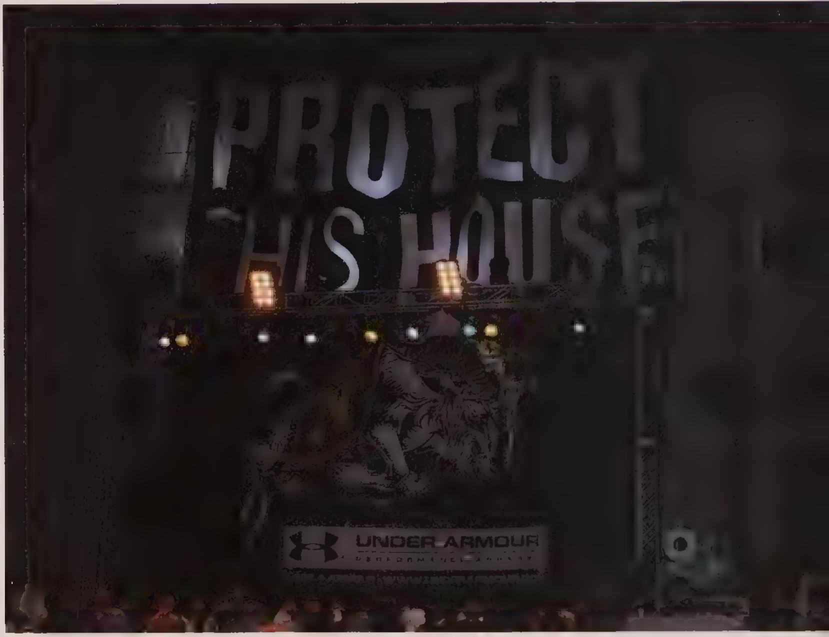
Navy's Eckle runs for a touchdown during the Navy/Air Force game in 2004.

"ESPN
finally
picked up a
real rivalry
for Thursday
night
football."

2/c South

“The Halloween organ concert was really an awesome experience. It was amazing what our hard work could put together.”

4/c Mackie


PROTECT
THIS HOUSE
UNDER ARMOUR

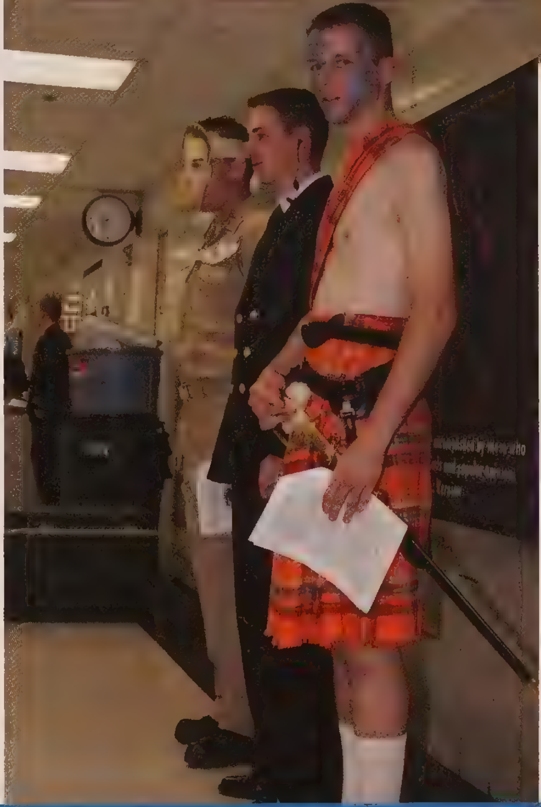
Above: The organ concert and Halloween Pep rallies were two popular holiday events. Right Page: Two mids dress up and go Trick-or-Treating in the hall.

halloween

by Lynne Hoppe

Normally regimented and uncreative in their attire due to regulations, midshipmen tend to be stunted in their abilities to show a unique style. On Halloween night, that all changes. Some midshipmen plan weeks ahead, while others opt for the last minute creative muse to plan a genius costume. The costumes range from funny satires on celebrities (Academy and civilian alike), to traditional scary boogie men and killers. The highlights of the night include a King Hall dinner where people display their personally designed outfits and the trick-or-treat celebration in the hall. For the trick-or-treat, upperclass walk around the decks going from plebe room to plebe room getting candy. It is a good time for all.

Some other Halloween events include the Halloween organ concert in the Chapel and the trick-or-treat and haunted house for the kids of faculty and staff. The organ concert is presented by Monte Maxwell and members of the Brigade and celebrates the season with a fantastic light and sound display. The trick-or-treat and haunted house is put on by members of each battalion and is a big hit among the youth of the yard and community.

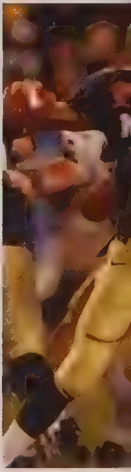


army/ navy

By Justin Middlebrook

December 4, 2004
Lincoln Financial Field
Philadelphia, PA

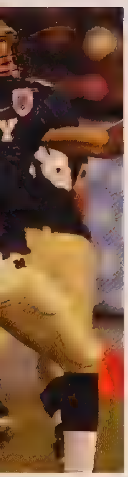
Navy (8-2) and Army (2-8) returned to Philadelphia for the 105 annual Army-Navy Game. With the series at 49-48-7, the Mids needed a win to tie the series for the first time since 1992. Amidst a crowd of almost 68,000 and President Bush watching from the sidelines, Navy did just that. Securing its 3rd win in row over Army, Navy held Army to 13 points while amassing 42 points. Eckel rushed for a career-high 179 yards and a TD. Polanco threw 7 completions for 100 yards and 2 TDs and rushed for another. Josh Smith scored on defense when he intercepted a pass from Army QB Dahman and returned it 67 yards for the TD. Overall Navy rushed for 305 yards while holding Army to 149 yards. With the win over Army, Navy demonstrated its dominance over Army and Air Force by maintaining control of the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy for second year in a row. Now with 9 wins in a season, for the first time since 1963, Navy set its sights on the Lobos from the University of New Mexico.



NAVY
NAVY
NAVY
51
90

“Three out of four ain’t bad!”

2/c Pawlak



Top: The football team cheers after singing “Blue and Gold” and beating Army. Bottom Left and Right: Navy runs the ball on its way to a 42-13 win. Left page: Navy’s Owens runs the ball to a touchdown.

Leading Change

army week

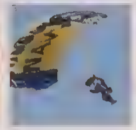
by Lynne Hoppe

Army week is the time of year when the creative juices at the Naval Academy flow. Bogged down by mounds of homework and tests, many mids enter a state of mind where new and different ideas for pranks come naturally.

Typically, one might see a plebe or group of plebes devising a way to slightly annoy or inconvenience a particularly tough upperclass. Many times plebes don't realize that those tough upperclass are also more experienced upperclass and have plans of their own. Even the staff gets into the fun having their offices moved to weird places or covered in odd materials.

Companies really got into the spirit this year with record breaking sized banners and decorations scattered throughout the Hall and Yard. Encouraged by daily e-mails from the Superintendant, the Commandant and the Master Chief, plebes were spurred on to bigger and better spirit related activities.

The week culminated with a huge pep rally and bond fire. This coupled with a few professors going a bit easier on students and getting into the spirit energized the brigade to fight for victory.

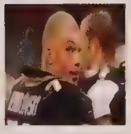


Members of the 6th company celebrate Army week with late night spirit.

A midshipman's room is cleared of excess closet clutter during Army Week.

Go Navy
Beat Army

Above: CDR Cuthbert sits at his newly located desk in the entrance to 6th wing. Left Page: A staff member's office is covered in foil.



"It's unheard of. I've never seen a 14 1/2 minute drive before. I doubt I'll see it again."

1/c Aaron Polanco

Aaron Polanco runs during the 2004 Emerald Bowl in San Francisco.

Bill the Goat gets the crowd pumped up to cheer on Navy to victory over New Mexico.

emerald bowl

By Justin Middlebrook

December 30, 2004
SBC Park
San Francisco, CA

1500 Midshipmen flooded the streets of soggy San Francisco in support of one of the best football teams the Naval Academy has ever fielded. Already tied for the best season record since 1963 with 9 wins, Navy was hungry for one more victory. But what marked Navy's performance was the way the Mids went out and played to have fun. The Midshipmen cheered their team onto victory from a special set of bleachers set up adjacent to the field. They watched as their team moved the ball up and down the field using the triple option as only Navy knows how. Navy also spiced things up with a trick play to keep the New Mexico Lobos off balance. Not once, but twice the Mids surprised the Lobos with a halfback option throwback that found Polanco open both times. The first set up a Polanco TD to give the Mids a 14-7 lead. The second time came on a 4th and 3 play that kept Navy's relentless 4th quarter drive alive. This record setting drive ate up 94 yards and took 14:26 off the clock. Polanco enjoyed tremendous success during his last game with the Navy Football team. Helped out by an offensive line that pushed the Lobos out of their way all game long, Polanco gained 138 yards on the ground and ran for 3 TDs, including 101 yards passing and a 61 yard TD reception by Corey Dryden. Navy sailed to victory over the Lobos 34 to 19 and into the history with the first 10-2 season since 1905 and the first Top 25 ranking since 1979.

service assignment

by Justin Middlebrook

Service Assignment marks the start of a new beginning for first class. Until that night, your focus at the Academy has been preparing yourself to become an officer in the Navy or Marine Corps. Beyond that generalization the future is hazy. Sure, you know what you'd like to do, but as we wall know what we want and what we get don't always match up. But after this night, for better or for worse, you finally have some idea of the direction your life is going to take: TBS, API, a ship or sub, or maybe even to a different service entirely. We still don't know when or where exactly we are going, but at least we know our community.

This year's service assignment differed drastically from years past. Traditionally held in January, Service Assignment took place in November. Then there was the cancellation of interviews which left many people up in the air about their fate. Even though interviews were "canceled" quite a few firsties were still called for an interview. They told us that getting called for an interview wasn't a bad thing...but tell that to our nerves.

On that fateful Friday evening, firsties crowded their wardrooms and waited for their company officers and SEL to start handing out the dreaded envelopes. Some opened the envelopes confidently sure their chosen community had selected them. Others, nervously peaked inside. For those lucky (or maybe it's unlucky depending on your point of view) Nukes, their letters confirmed what they already knew, since they had already survived the horrors of their interviews with NR and the Admiral, chosen subs or nuke SWO, and received their bonus. In the end, there were those who were happy, some disappointed, and some where left in limbo without a community.

Soon after all the envelopes had been opened, we headed off to Alumni Hall for a quick reception. As soon as we finished there, it was time to celebrate downtown at one of the many bars, or for some of the unlucky folks who didn't get what they wanted, it was time to drown their sorrows in their favorite drinks.

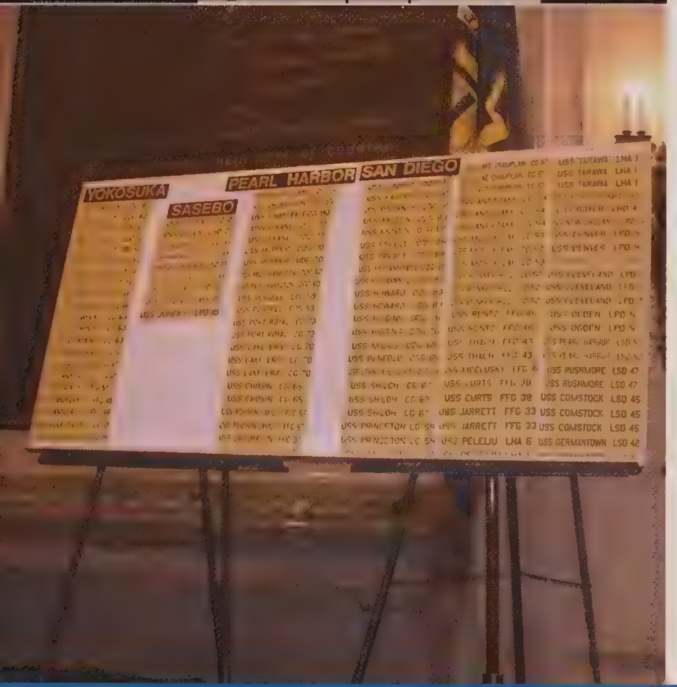
The night eventually ended, by the excitement and hope of Service Assignment continued. Within a few weeks, new spots opened for Marines which in turn opened spots in other communities and people started getting calls about available openings for their first choices. The "second, third and fourth round draft picks" soon made more firsties happy when they were given a shot at their first choice for service selection. Finally those poor souls who had no community could at last know where they were going. In the end most people were pleased and have embraced their new lives in their communities and began to focus on preparing to enter that community.

"Finally we would find out what we would be doing for the next part of our lives."

1/c O'Connor

left page, top: 15th Company Firsties Celebrate in Lowe's after receiving their service assignments. middle: Firsties from 13 company celebrate downtown. bottom: Joe Burns and Josh Weiss get painted green in honor of service selecting submarines. this page top: Firsties gather in Alumni Hall for a quick word and reception. bottom: left to right: Betsy Kealey and Heather Ichord (USMC selectees) and Danica Adams and Carolyn Morin (SWO selectees) spend the evening together in celebration.

CLASS OF 2005 PILOT DATES
01 JUL 05
05 AUG 05
02 SEP 05
07 OCT 05
04 NOV 05
06 JAN 06
03 FEB 06



service selection

by Justin Middlebrook

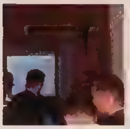
By February, the first class had their final semester at the Academy well in hand. However, most firsties could only really think of one date: service selection. For most the ups and downs of service assignment had come and gone and it was time to get serious about life beyond the Yard. Firsties hunted down information on ships, what flight school date was the best, deciding if TAD was a good idea, and the best ways to maximize your basket leave time from recent graduates and officers around the yard. As the day approached, there was a tangible excitement in the air.

Finally, the evening arrived and firsties gathered in various places around the yard. The SWOs head to Memorial Hall; pilots made their way down to Smoke Hall, and the future Submariners headed out to Alumni Hall. Free drinks and finger foods were available to help calm nerves. Admirals and generals flew in to check out and congratulate the newest members to their respective communities.

Finally the moment came. Firsties lined up according to their class rank and began selecting. The SWOs picked their ship and homeport, the Marines decided between Delta and Echo company, aviators picked flight school dates, and submariners picked their Nuke School class and their choice of TADing at the Naval Academy or going home to participate in the Officer Hometown Area Recruiting Program (OHARP).

The good times did not stop once the final dates and ships were picked. Out in town one could have sworn it was Mardi Gras or St. Patrick's day with all the celebration. People flocked to bars downtown to enjoy times with company mates and friends.

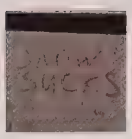
USS IWO JIMA LHD 7
DDG 94
USS CARNEY DDG 64



above (left to right): 1/C Danica Adams, 1/C Anthony Garcia, and 1/C Mark Heber from 13th Company show off their ship selections. left page (top): 1/C Tim Beebe signs the board for the date he signed up for.

> "Probably the most nervewrecking experience was waiting for your turn to pick."
>
> 1/c Nelson

above: Firstie aviators wait to pick school dates. left page (bottom): The board from which the SWOs will choose their ports and ships.



"Coming back from home is tough but seeing everyone and making the best of things makes the dark ages easier."

2/C Ryan

For some Mids, the snow is just another event on the way to class.

On the way to class, Mids succumb to the wintery weather.

The popped-collar was seen throughout the winter in an attempt to keep every last bit of warmth in and the cold out.

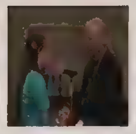
Some Mids, on the other hand, embraced the snow and made the best out of it.

the dark ages

by Troy Benbow

The end of winter leave signals that time of year that all midshipmen dread, the Dark Ages. The short winter intercessional period gives the Brigade just enough time to realize that there are two and a half months of wonderful Annapolis winter between them and spring break. No midshipman looks forward to coming back to school and the Dark Ages are an especially unhappy time for the plebes. Their existence is not a happy one and the cold and dark as well as their grumpy upper class make things even more miserable. A lack of football and reluctance to head out in the frigid reaches of Annapolis give midshipman a sense of cabin fever. Many may exhibit signs of gloominess, irritability, and dismay. Plebes can cope with the difficulties of returning to school by memorizing rates and shining shoes and upper class can help deal with the symptoms of the Dark Ages by ensuring their plebes are more miserable then they are.

The cold and snow seem to drag on as the two and a half months crawl by and the USNA's Dark Ages have a striking resemblance to the same medieval period rather than normal collegiate life. Bancroft Hall bears a striking resemblance to the tower of London and those swords the stripers carry bring an awful temptation to skewer a random plebe. While time may seem to drag on to eternity, the annual Beat the Dark Ages Dinner and spring break signal the end to a practically dark and gloomy time for the Brigade.



“NAFAC is about understanding views from other people and places around the nation and world.”

1/c Lichty

Above: The NAFAC delegation in front of Mahan Hall. Bottom: Small conferences provide participants with a chance to discuss topics. Right Page: Speakers were just one aspect of the conference.

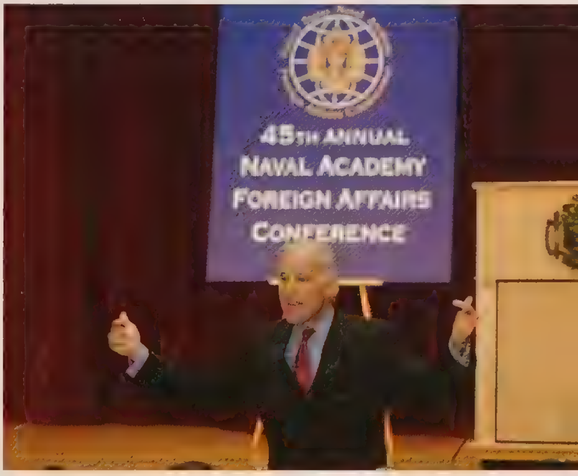
nafac

Every year since 1961, the Naval Academy has held the largest undergraduate foreign affairs conference in the country: the Naval Academy Foreign Affairs Conference. The annual conference includes delegates from colleges across the country and around the world who come to debate and learn about a topic of current importance to the foreign policy community.

45TH ANNUAL
NAVAL ACADEMY
FOREIGN AFFAIRS
CONFERENCE

The 45th Annual Conference's topic of discussion was "Power and Purpose: Defining America's Role in the World." The topic was chosen by the NAFAC midshipmen directors: 1/C Shelby Lichty, 1/C Patrick Daly, 1/C Drew Thompson, 1/C Margot Beausey, 1/C Maia Molina-Schaefer, 1/C Carl Glass, and 2/C Nick Hamm. It gives future Navy and Marine Corps officers an opportunity to bond with peers in other colleges and universities.

Each delegate is nominated from their respective college to represent it at the conference. They then participate in many roundtable discussions and debates giving all an opportunity to learn about the different points of view. In addition to roundtable discussions, internationally recognized speakers and panels are also set up. The conference contributed to the ongoing debate on the use of America's power around the world to pursue national security interests and extend the roots of democracy. During the NAFAC conference, the Brigade and the delegates attended a Forrestal Lecture with Admiral Keatings, USN, as the guest speaker.



The best part of the conference is the interaction between delegates and midshipmen. Delegates were given a chance to tour the Naval Academy campus to learn about its rich history. Some tried sailing and others tried climbing the climbing wall in Halsey Field house.

"It's about
time we
kicked
St. John's
butts!"

2/c
Sumption

Members of the 28th Company play croquet during the anual match against St. John's college.

Wearing a variety of team uniforms, the members of St. John's college are distracted by a furry fan of croquet.

croquet

by Lynne Hoppe

The annual Navy/St. John's croquet match is an old rivalry dating back to the early 1980s. This year the team was ready to take on the college next-door after placing well in the national competition. This year was also unique because the team was made up of all classes of midshipmen. In years past, only first class midshipmen were allowed on the team.

Plagued by bad weather, the team took to the yard in front of St. John's with a pride and determination that allowed them to capture the match. They were really competitive this year thanks to intensive practices and bonds that broke through the classes. Led by team captain 1/c Adam Todd, the team was able to come back from a second place finish at the national competition to win over St. John's.

But this match is not only about the game of croquet, its about the social event that goes along with it. The annual event is both a competition between the Naval Academy and St. John's and a much anticipated event amongst the Annapolis community. Spectators from both schools as well as locals join together and picnic on the lawn as they watch the games play out. Old rivalries are rekindled and everyone cheers for their favorite team.

There is always good food, cold drinks, firm friendships, and friendly competition, but there is nothing like coming away with a win at the end of the day. Navy's only won four times in the last 22 years so this year was a pleasant surprise for everyone involved. May the underclass take this win and establish a new legacy of domination over St. John's.

Plebes of the class of 2008 start off sea trials before light breaks.

The Plebes finish off a long day with "Blue and Gold" followed by a resounding **"BEAT ARMY!!!!!"**

Above: Plebes survive the Lejeune phase of Sea Trials. Below: Plebes get around by low-crawling.

Above left: Plebes struggle with the zodiacs. Above right: A dazed plebe tries to catch a bite to to eat

sea trials

by Lynne Hoppe

In the life of a Plebe, everything is just one step closer to Herndon and the end of that longest year. Sea Trials is the last major hurdle in the journey and the final test.

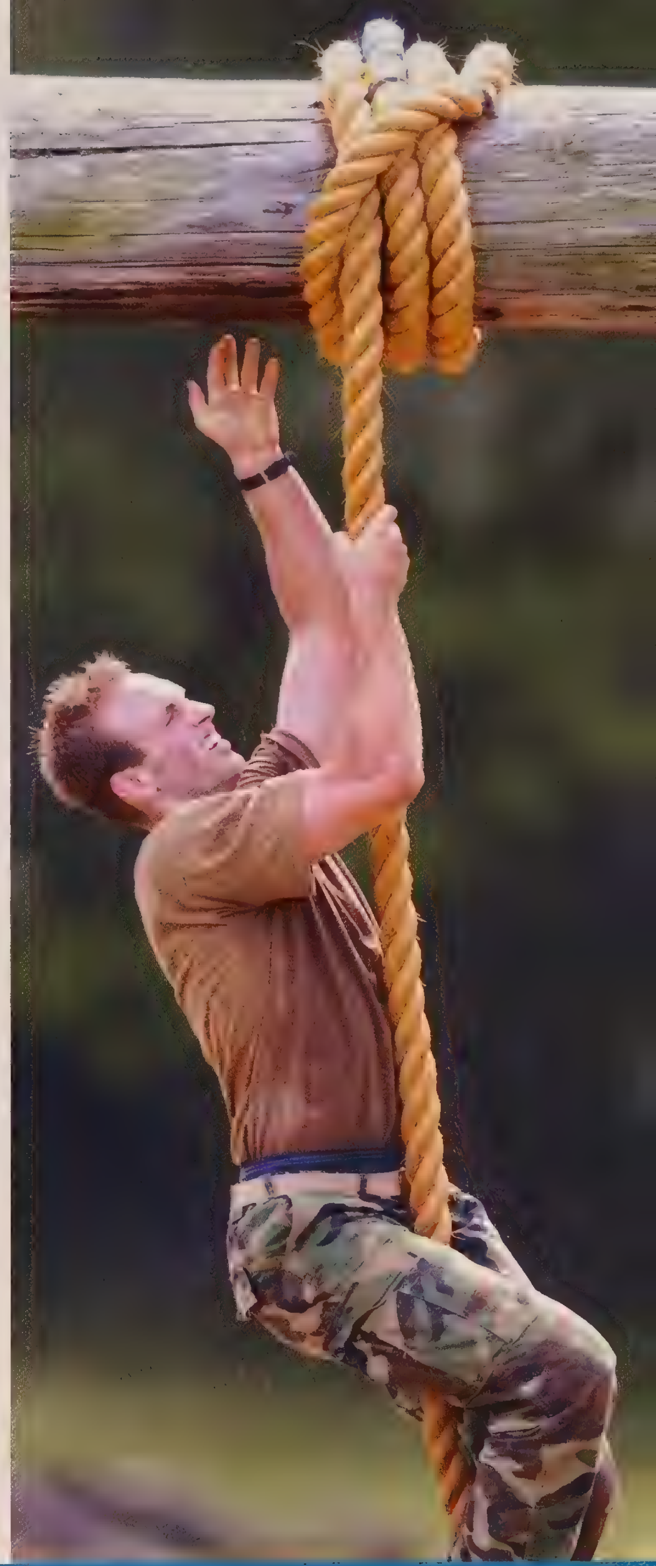
Starting at 0500 in the morning Plebes and their company cadre take to the different stations with vigor and enthusiasm. At the Naval Station, Plebes are challenged with the obstacle and endurance courses. The bear pit and pugil-stick fights are always a highlight. For more tactical training, plebes go into the woods as squads to find a POW. They must work together and quickly in order to escape without being attacked by paintball guns.

Back on the yard, plebes move from station to station participating in various events. These include a monument run and push-ups in the surf on Hospital Point. In Lejeune Hall, Plebes are put to some of the most challenging tests as they take to the water. Picking rifles up from the bottom of the pool, making their way through an underwater obstacle course, or helping a buddy swim across the pool are just a few of the challenges they face.

Some phases involved using quick perception and thinking skills to get a task done. If the platoon did not want to drop for push-ups, they needed to think on their feet and work together in order to accomplish the task.

The teamwork and motivation the Plebes learned throughout the year that kept them going as they day progressed and everyone started to become tired.

At the end of the day the Plebes formed up in Alumni Hall for the recognition ceremony. During the ceremony, companies 11 and 14 were given honors for Motivation and Strength respectively. It was truly a day of success for all the people who helped make it happen and especially for the class of 2008.



Luau
Ride On 07

top: Youngsters enjoying time together at their luau. left: Two youngsters enjoying each other's company in their last big event as youngsters. right (top): Youngsters pose for a picture. right (middle): Youngsters watch a group of Hawaiian Dancers.

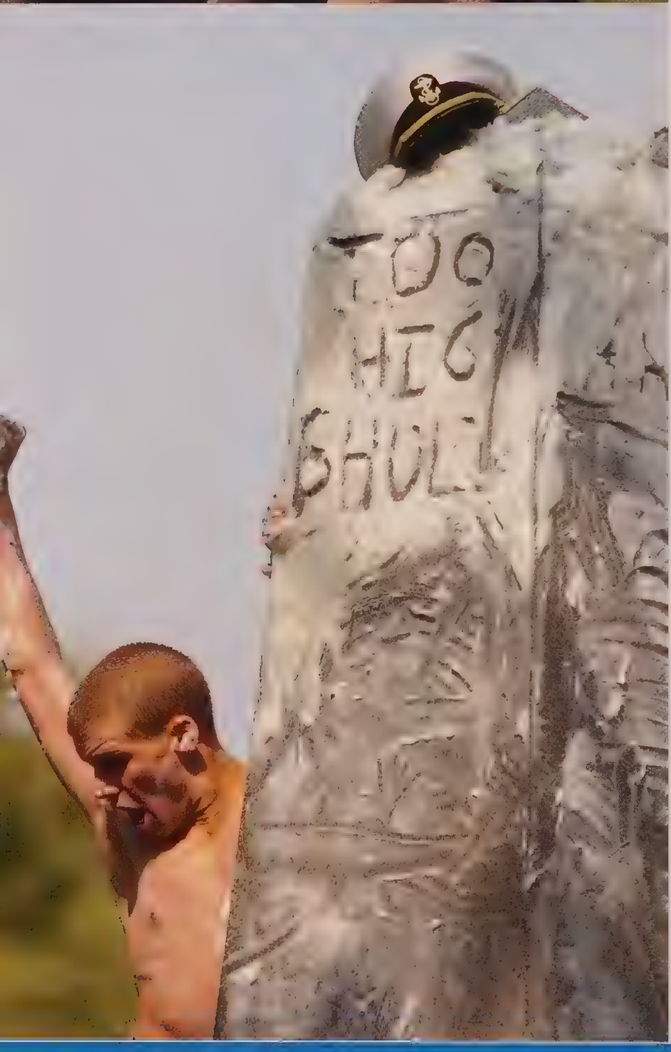
above: Lucky youngsters join the Hawaiian dancers and learn the moves. left: A couple of youngster take a break from all the festivities. right (bottom): A youngster grabs a bite to eat.

youngster luau

As the end of the year gets closer for all midshipmen, each class has something to look forward to. For the Third Class, it is a Luau that marks their halfway point through their Academy career. This is a recent tradition which originated with the Class of 2001 in their Youngster year in 1999.

The Youngster Luau is held out on Farragut Field every year to have plenty of room for food, entertainment, and leisure. Just like any other Luau, you can expect to see a huge roasted pig amidst the rest of the tons of Hawaiian food. Decorations always include Hawaiian leis, enough to go around for everyone in the Class of 2007 and all the faculty and staff members who choose to attend. The dress code? Hawaiian shirts and board shorts with sandals of course! Plenty of fun activities uncommon to a Luau but not to midshipmen, such as pugil sticks, soccer, ultimate Frisbee made the afternoon fly by. Youngsters bonded, laughed, and made memories with their classmates that they will treasure forever.

Some memories were hilarious such as the Dunk Tank! Other memories grew from competition, such as the Eating Contest. As a finishing touch to make the night memorable, a class t-shirt was made for the Class of 2007, which is proudly worn by many on this afternoon of laughter and leisure. The t-shirt symbolizes who decided to partake in an event with their classmates and be able to later say: "been there, done that!"



herndon

A greater feeling than your first gold star in kindergarten, making the peewee football team in 3rd grade and high school graduation all at once: Herndon! Although at the beginning of plebe year the gray obelisk does not seem so impressive, as the days count down to the end of the year, somehow the monument seems to grow. Finally the morning of Herndon dawns and what used to be a small piece of stone you passed every day going to class is now one big piece of granite keeping you from earning a new freedom.

The Plebes were out with an intensity that morning that was captivating. Even upperclass running errands had a smile on their face as they passed by as over 1000 Plebes tried to ascend the greasy monument.

With over 200 pounds of lard covering the monument, the key to climbing Herndon is teamwork. Just as no one can finish plebe year by themselves, no one can climb Herndon by themselves. Taking that mind set from the beginning is vitally important for a quick assent. But somehow, every year the same thing happens: its everybody for himself.

Eventually things settle down and everybody begins to work together. After several attempts the plebe Dixie Cup comes off and soon the midshipmen cover replaces it. And with that symbolic gesture, Plebe Year drew to a close for the Class of 2008.

Later that afternoon, the Class of 2008 gathered in Alumni Hall amidst friends and family. In keeping with the Link-in-the-Chain Program, members from the class of 1958 in conjunction with the Company Officers and SEL, the Superintendant, the Commandant and the Deputy Commandant handed out the precious anchor signifying that the fourth class are now in fact full fledged third class with all the rights and privileges the of thereof. Once the Recognition ceremony was over the parents were allowed down to the arena floor to congratulate their new 3/c sons and daughters and replace the naked plebe shoulder boards with the coveted youngster should board with its single diagonal stripe.

"It was the best day of my life."

Top: Plebes and their parents cheer on their classmates as they begin to climb Herndon. Bottom: During the recognition ceremonies the 4/c become 3/c and receive their anchor from their company officers, sel, and members of the Class of 1958.

4/c Legere

commissioning week

by Justin Middlebrook

Commissioning week is a good time no matter what year you are celebrating or how long you've been at the academy. The week starts Saturday evening with the long awaited Ring Dance. Ring Dance for the second class is a joyous evening of entertainment and romance. With live music and free food, the dance floor on Hospital Point is full all night long. After dipping their rings and dancing all night, a fireworks display caps the evening.

Sunday begins with Baccalaureate Services during which those midshipmen who wish to, may dedicated their service according to their different faiths. Catholic and Protestant midshipmen may dedicate their service to their Lord by signing a special book and by receiving their respective service Bibles.

The rest of the week is dedicated to parties for all. Many firsties celebrate their upcoming graduation and commissioning with parties that are open to all classes. Both the new and old 3/c get to taste the pleasure of weekday liberty.

During the day there are any number of award ceremonies for those midshipmen who have proved themselves academically, physically, and morally throughout the year. The Blue Angels flight demonstration team is always a sight to see as the Blue Angels preform daring feats.

The Superintendent's Garden Party was a hit for many of the families. With good food and a beautiful setting, the only thing that could have been better would have been nicer weather for some of the companies.

Performances from the various ECA's are sprinkled throughout the week for Silent Drill, D&B, Trident Brass, the Glee Club, and many others.

Top: The Superintendant poses for pictures for all of the graduating first class and their families. Bottom: A first class midshipmen stands with her sister in front of the USNA 2005 ice sculpture at the Supe's Garden Party.

Above: A future Marine Corps Officer receives his Marine Corps Bible.

"Commissioning week was a blast with all the parties, but I could have used some more sleep."

1/c Barkovich

Above top: OCF firsties "Big Guns" at the OCF picnic. Bottom: The Oath of Office Right Page: The Color parade is the last and longest parade of the year.

commissioning week

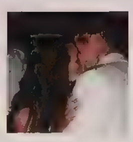
by Lynne Hoppe

For the firsties, commissioning week is both the best and longest week. With parents, friends and relatives all converging in Annapolis, many firsties felt the pressures of meeting their daily obligations and finding time for the parties and festivities.

Drill and graduation practices meant early mornings after the fun the night before. Sprinkled throughout the day were other events planned for the enjoyment of the firsties' families.

Firsties were also invited to the graduation ball. This formal event was like ring dance for the whole family.

Although everyone was tired after the week, graduation was something no one would give up even with all the stress and obligations.

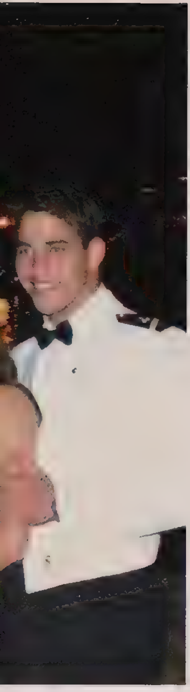


“Good times, good friends, another year done.”

2/C Krakau

Some members of the men’s swim team and their dates pose for a picture during ring dance

Grooving on the dance floor, the second class and their dates go wild with dance moves



2/c Ring Dance

by Lynne Hoppe

The night was beautiful and the scene perfect. For the members of the Class of 2006, the long wait for ring dance was over. With a whole weekend devoted to their class, they relished their ability to drive their cars on the yard, get a weekend all to themselves, and enjoy a special date for the weekend.

Most dates arrived on Friday and the 2/c either rented a hotel room or a house and split it between a group of people. Many people had houses on the beach or in some private location so that they could enjoy a whole weekend without bothering others.

Saturday was spent getting ready for the big dance. Most dates went to the hair salon or to a nail artist to get ready. The guys, used to putting their uniforms on usually spent the day relaxing. Most groups went to a nice dinner downtown, in Baltimore, or D.C.

The dance itself was held under tents on Hospital Point complete with small desserts and finger food to help dancers keep up their energy. The night ended may have ended when the band stopped playing, but the memories of ring dance will live on.

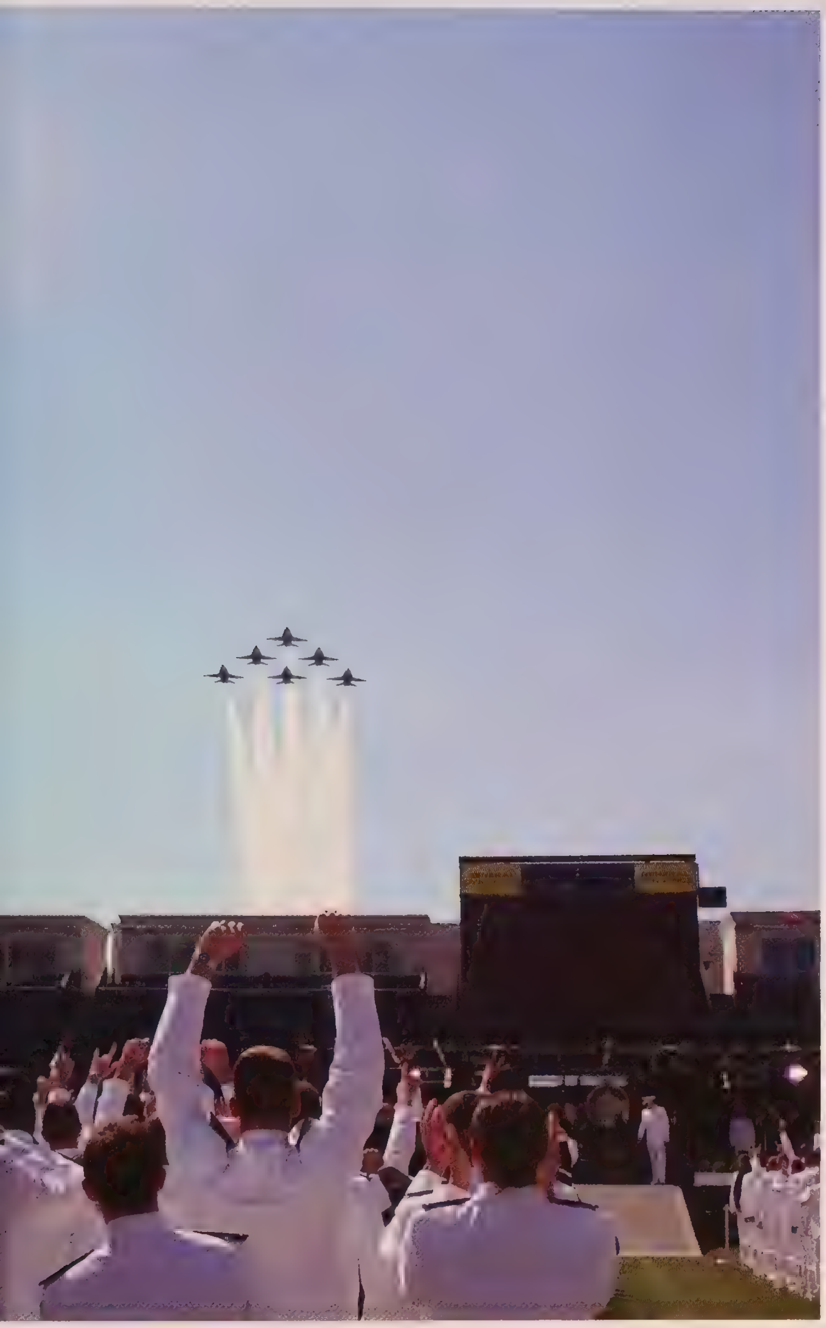
graduation

by Lynne Hoppe

No excitement is greater than the excitement felt when one realizes four years of hard work and dedication are over and the Blue Angels are flying overhead in salute to your graduating class. Then, after having walked in to Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium with thousands of friends and family members watching, you take the oath of office and become a commissioned officer. Following a speech from President Bush we were all ready to receive our diplomas.

The day seemed almost unreal. The past four years have flown by and dragged on. Each day we faced challenges and excitement. 3 years and 11 months earlier we started out on I-Day. We lost some along the way, but as we graduated we knew that we couldn't have gotten through this place without each other. Commissioning week with family and friends was well worth the wait of four years as we stood read for everything to "culminate" on May 27, 2005.

For many, the feeling of graduation did not sink in until we stood up to throw our covers in the air. With that cheer for those we were about to leave behind, the four years by the bay were finally behind us



"It was well worth the four year wait."

ENS Verducci

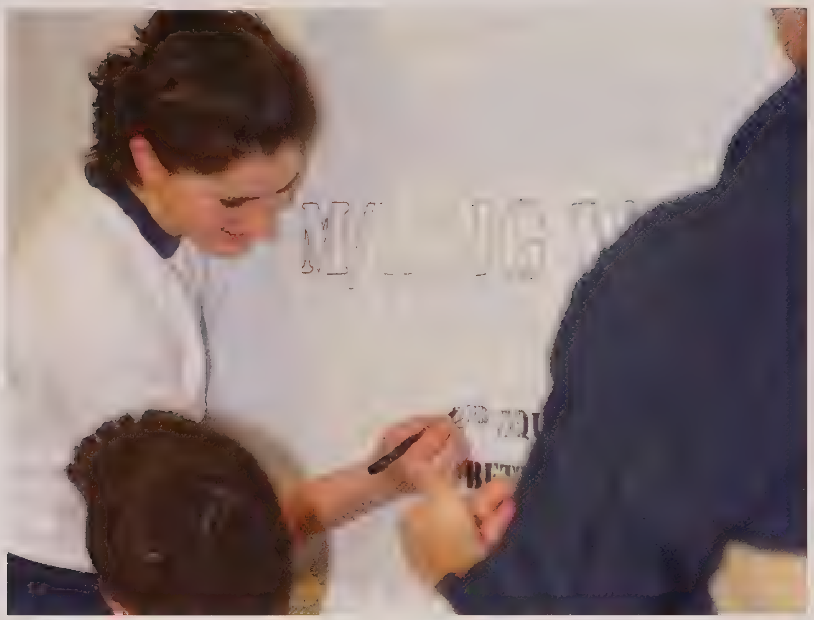
Above: The Blue Angels fly over the stadium at the start of graduation.

Above and Left: President Bush poses for a picture during graduation.

Above, beside, and opposite page: Newly commissioned Ensigns and 2nd Lieutenants celebrate their commission and graduation.

NORTH AFRICA
PELELIU
LEYTE GULF
LINGAYEN
IWO JIMA
OKINAWA
NORMANDY
CHOSIN RESERVOIR

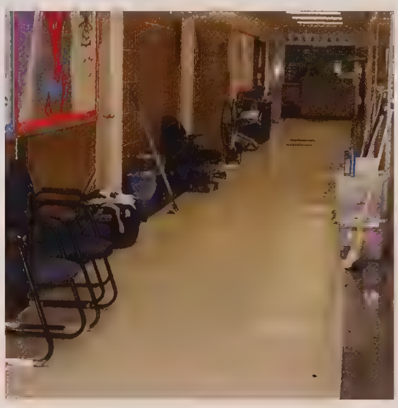
graduation



A familiar scene at the beginning of each semester, plebes create boards for their companies. They must work on them well and diligently, though, because if they do not finish them in a timely or well executed fashion, the boards will be torn down and made to be redone.

February 24th, a day that will live in infamy. Roger Staubach gives a talk to the brigade of midshipmen and then gives us a day off school. Conferring publicly with the supe, Mr. Staubach asks if he can give us a day off school. The supe then asks both the Dant and the Dean if they feel we can have the day off. Now no one knows why exactly the powers that be were so gracious. Maybe it was because we deserved it, maybe it was because the weather was forecasted to be bad anyway, or maybe it was because they love us like their own children, but either way the day will forever be known as "Roger Staubach Day".

Mids sit in the benches near T-Court. Between classes, before ECA's or just to relax, mids take advantage of the nice scenery and beautiful days that we have at the Naval Academy.

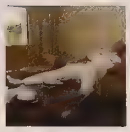


Anyone walking down this hall would think of only one thing: Alpha. In the brigade, we had alpha's that went brigade wide, and those that were company mandated.

Right: Winter starts, Restrictees shovel.

KOMATSU
200

Construction has always been part of the scenery since the Naval Academy started doing renovations on the eight wings many years ago. So it was no surprise when construction was still going on this year. This year, though, the construction touched closer to home. With trucks and jack hammers starting up at the wee hours of the morning, people all over the brigade were feeling just a little more drowsy in class. Getting to class was a whole different matter. Construction crews seemed to take odd pleasure in making the journey to Rickover, Nimitz and Michaelson impossible. Most people will remember the white fence right outside of Ratford Terrace (if people even remember where Ratford Terrace is) getting larger and larger as the weeks went on. Finally the fence was so large, the gap for people getting through it was only one person wide. Another common occurrence was getting in trouble for being late to class. With schedule taking a person from the portables behind 8th wing, to the portables behind Nimitz, to Lejeune, and then to Rickover it was no wonder our tardies and absences went up. Professors had no problems keeping you late because you were on their time, but show up late to their class and you were obstructing education. Thankfully much of the construction was finished up and we've all got to admit that the buildings look great.



Clothes not smelling fresh or feeling a little starchy? Many mids opt for the comfort of washing their own clothes to get a mom-like smell and feel. Located in the basement of 6th wing, the coin laundry is always filled with customers.

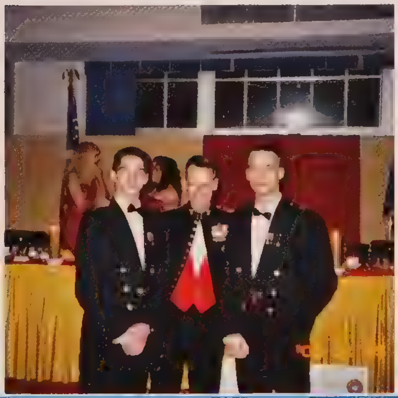
Returning to the Academy at the end of any summer is never entirely desired thing thanks to the excitement of Summer Cruises and the pleasures and freedom of leave. But nonetheless, it does have its highlights. The Crab Feast is one of more enjoyable aspects to reform. Whether you are an old pro or a complete novice the night is enjoyable. If you're not a fan of crab, there's always the old stand by of fried chicken. Sodas and ice cream complete the meal.

Above: Some mids will go to any lengths to protect themselves from flying crab pieces as their companions enthusiastically attack the platters of crab.

Below: Crab hats are just some of the many different adornments mids chose to honor the Crab Feast

Above: The Amerine brothers are a recent set of siblings to have come to the Academy.

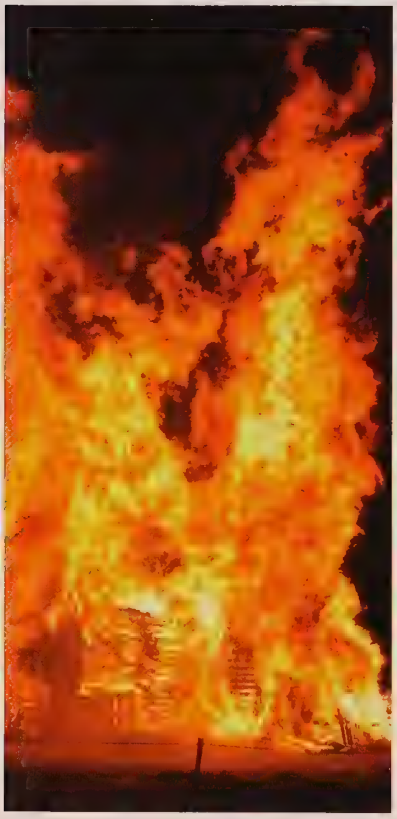
Siblings at the Academy are not a new occurrence. Having a brother or sister is a bright part of the Academy. Whether going to the sibling's room for a little relaxation, going out to lunch together or sharing sponsors, there are always good things and good times. Sometimes having a sibling can be kind of rough if upperclass perceive preferential treatment, but having someone to give you a pat on the back helps even the most stressed out plebe. Many families have multiple generations come through the Academy. The Shanley family, has had the longest legacy in recent years. Tim Shanley was the youngest brother of five to graduate from the Naval Academy. In 1988 his oldest brother, John, graduated following his father, John in 1956. When Tim graduated in 2003, eight people in his family had gone to the Naval Academy.



NAVY
20
NAVY
9

Above: A mid plans an ambush for any unwary person who walks by.

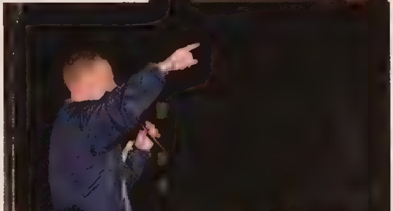
Pep rallies have been a long standing tradition at the Naval Academy. Every Thursday night before a home football game, the Naval Academy family gathers to cheer on the various sports teams as they take on many different opponents, but we especially gather for those about to take on Army. This year found a renewed dedication to the spirit of the Brigade as the first pep rally of the year took place out in the streets of Annapolis at the famous City Dock. Even the mayor of Annapolis came out to support Naval Academy athletics. Every pep rally tried to do something different. From fireworks, bonfires, bands, Marines taking over T-Court, and a special appearance by the Washington Red-



Top (left to right): Mayor Ellen O. Moyer rallies Navy fans with "Fear the Goat"; young Navy fans enjoy the sights and sounds of City Dock; MUC Francisco Dominguez lead singer for the Electric Brigade; The Hockey team and Women's Swimming and Diving team enjoy a few moments in the spot light during the Winter Sports Pep rally; left: the annual bonfire at the Army-Navy pep rally sending the Army mule up in flames; below: Bill the goat crowd surfing at City Dock.

skin cheerleaders, the pep rally organizers set new standards for years to come. And as always, every pep rally concluded with the playing of the "Navy Blue and Gold" followed by a resounding

"BEAT ARMY!!!!"



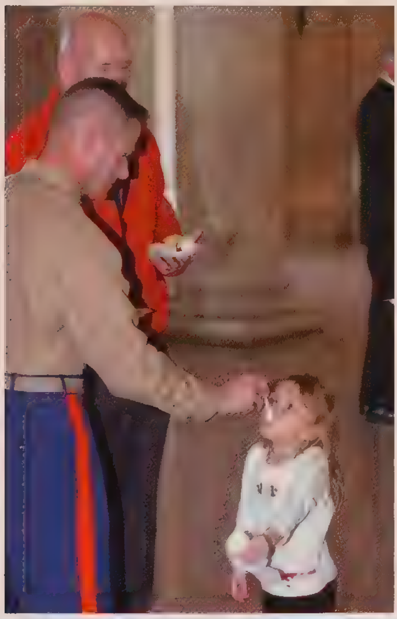
Top to bottom: fireworks at the Army-Navy Pep rally; the USNA Drum & Bugle Corps makes an appearance at every pep rally; Garrett Barry sings "Navy Blue and Gold"; Captain Leidig leading the Brigade in "I BELIEVE THAT WE WILL WIN"; Colonel Fuquea and his daughter Farren; the Supe getting ready to "FIRE IT UP"; above: A YP at City Dock; below: Coach Paul Johnson and the football team prepare for the first home game of the season.

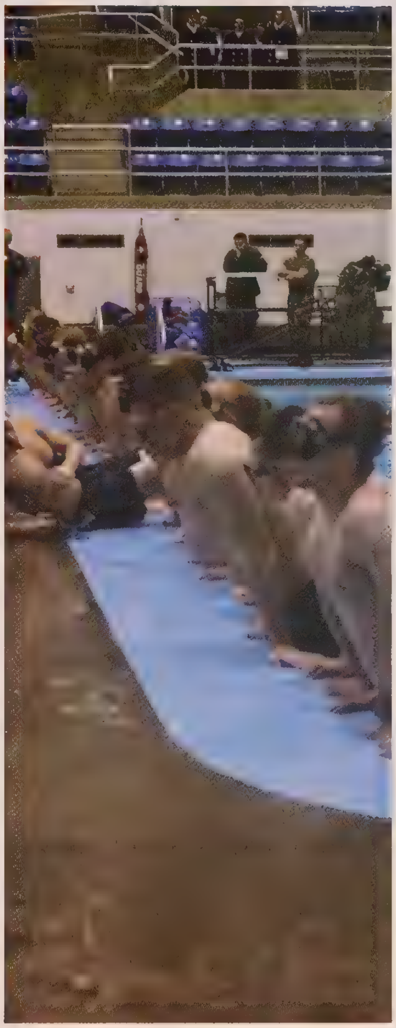
During the second semester, midshipmen added another skill to their ever growing repertoire: painting. Paint was a common smell as one walked through Bancroft Hall, and racks sitting outside rooms was a familiar sight.

Mids use paintbrushes, rollers and bright green tape to help them paint their rooms.

USMC Birthday
UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
2004

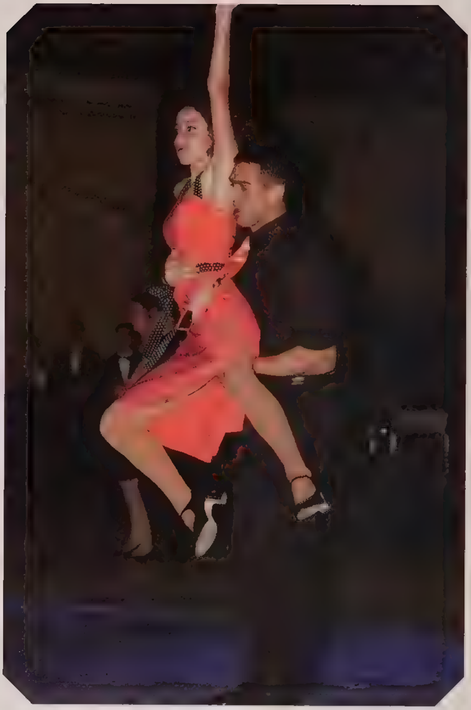
November 10, 2004 is the 229 birthday of the United States Marine Corps. Ever since the Second Continental Congress established the USMC, Marines have stood tall and fought proudly for the United States making enemies everywhere tremble at the very words U.S. Marine. Happy Birthday USMC and here's to another 229 years.

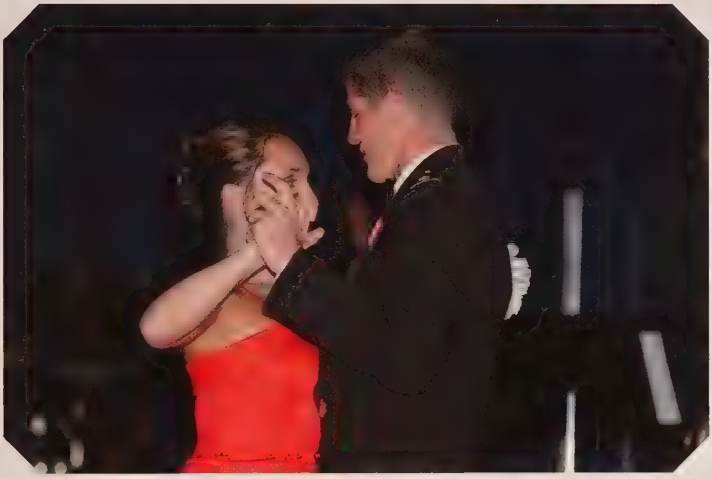




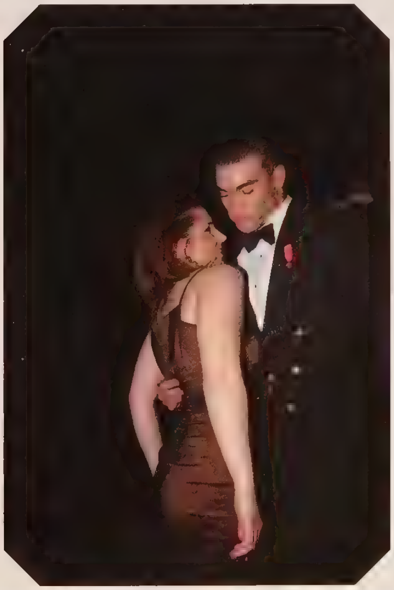
Winter doesn't just mean cold weather, snow and fun. For some who choose it, winter brings with it a chance to prove to themselves that they have what it takes to be a Navy Seal during the MiniBUDS screener.

International Ball (I-Ball)



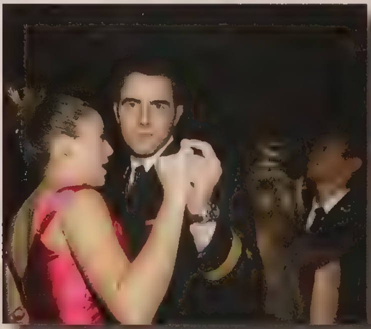


One of a midshipman's favorite events of the year is the annual International Ball, know around the yard as the I-Ball. Held every spring, the I-Ball gives midshipmen the chance to demonstrate the different cultural backgrounds that contribute to the diversity of the Brigade. Traditional dances from all regions of the world are exhibited in a show of fantastic colors and upbeat music. The I-Ball also gives midshipmen a chance to interact with people from all over the globe as countries like Germany, Japan, Brazil, Italy, just to name a few send their own delegations. The I-Ball is also a chance for midshipmen to recall and demonstrate the steps they learned during their Plebe dance lessons. The I-Ball is an exciting colorful evening that no one ever wants to miss.



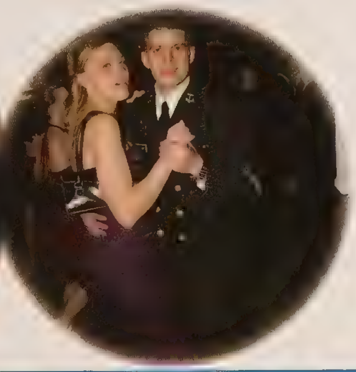
Homecoming Dance

In addition to the I-Ball, there are several more chances for mids to show off their dance moves throughout the year. These balls include Homecoming, Valentine's Day, and the Graduation Ball.

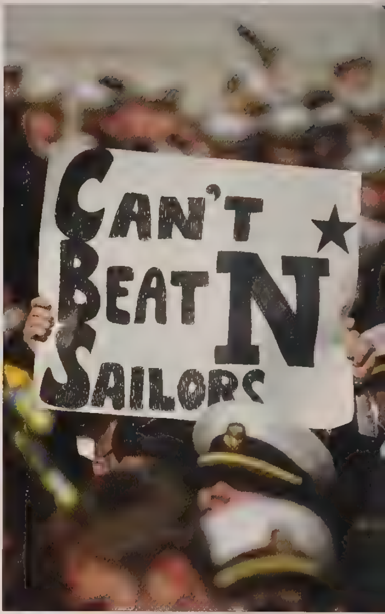


Valentine's Day Dance

The Submarine Birthday Ball gives submariners around the yard the opportunity to celebrate their service's contribution to America. The plebes get their own special dance with the Plebe Formal. Music is often provided by our very own midshipman jazz band, Trident Brass.



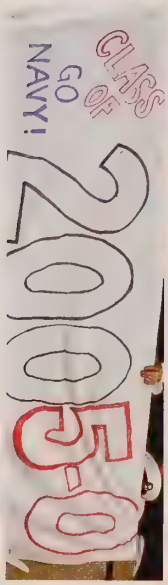
KNOCK NORTHEASTERN
MAKE THEM SEE


CAN'T BEAT N★ SAILORS

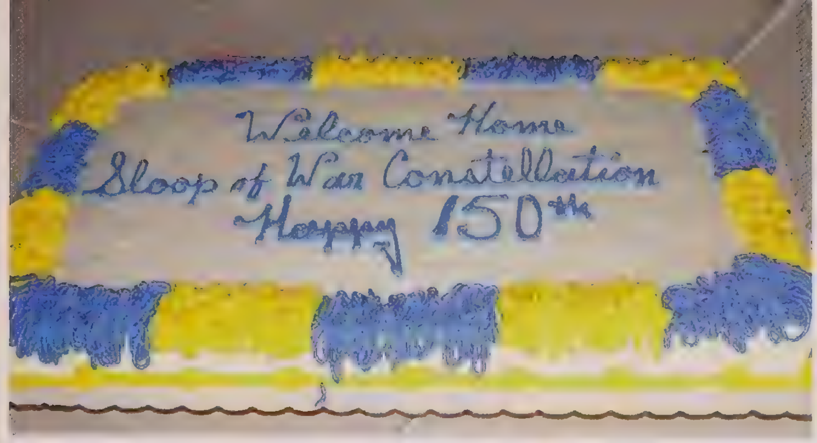
6 COMPANY
GO NAVY

Every year brings a new chance to out do the previous year's banners and signs. The 2004-2005 year saw an enormous surge in the size of the banners as the Spirit of the Brigade rose exponentially. Many banners and signs during the football season spontaneously appear on the Brigade's march over route Friday night. The signs are always a highlight to us as we March through the streets of Annapolis. Alumni also gets decorated with signs and banners during the basketball team. And you cannot walk through Bancroft without coming across at least on poster on a MId's room encouraging them for an upcoming competition.

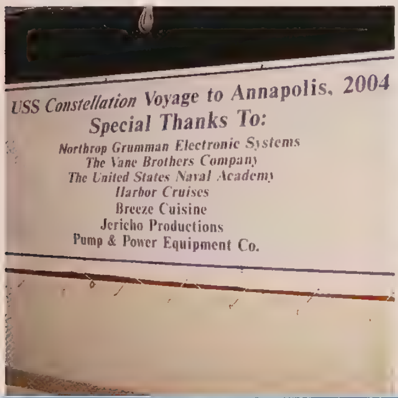
YOU'RE THE COMMANDERS


CLASS OF 2005
GO NAVY!

Lucky 13
Lucky 13
GO NAVY!
Feeling Lucky?
13
Lucky 1
GO NAVY!
Feeling Lu



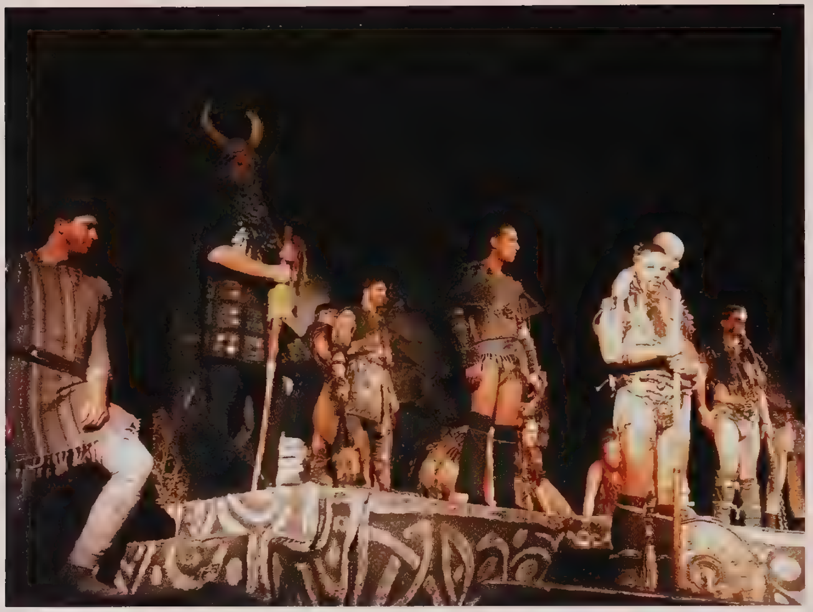
Homecoming weekend this year was a special weekend indeed. Not only did we welcome back many of the graduates who have come before us, we also welcomed back a piece from our distinguished history. After 111 years, the U.S.S.. CONSTELLATION returned to the Academy for a week long celebration. The CONSTELLATION served as the training vessel for midshipmen during their summer cruises from 1871-1893.



USS Constellation Voyage to Annapolis, 2004

Special Thanks To:

Northrop Grumman Electronic Systems
The Vane Brothers Company
The United States Naval Academy
Harbor Cruises
Breeze Cuisine
Jericho Productions
Pump & Power Equipment Co.



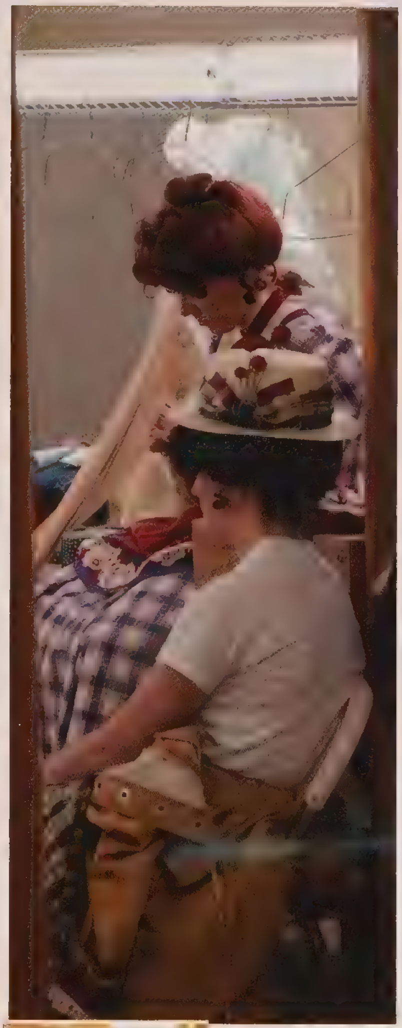
"Out, damned spot! out, I say!"

This year, the Masqueraders put on a production of Shakespeare's "Macbeth". The entire company did an outstanding job. Directed by Professor Christy Stanlake and staring Midn 1/C Jack Treptow as Macbeth and Midn 1/C Stephanie Hoffman as Lady Macbeth. "Macbeth" is one of Shakespeare's most famous but most disturbing plays.

Set on a "sea" of deceit, love, and mystery, is this year's winter musical "HMS Pinafore". Sir Joseph, Lord Admiral of the Royal Navy (portrayed by Midn 3/C Charles Meyer), who incidently has never been to sea, is to marry Josephine, the daughter of the captain of the HMS Pinafore. Meanwhile, Josephine has fallen in love with Ralph Rackstraw, a "common seaman," played by Midn 3/C Sean Genis and made plans to elope. The midshipman cast and crew worked incredibly hard to bring Gilbert and Sullivan's musical to life. They not only succeeded but put on a show that captured the hearts and imaginations of the audiance.

"It's a very wacky show."
Midn 1/C Wes Ogden (Dick Deadeye)

"It's kind of a silly story, but you can see parallels between that time and the Navy today."
Midn 1/C Sarah Atwood (Little Buttercup).



Christmas Caroling in the Rotunda

Easter Egg Hunt

“Is there a practice parade today?...

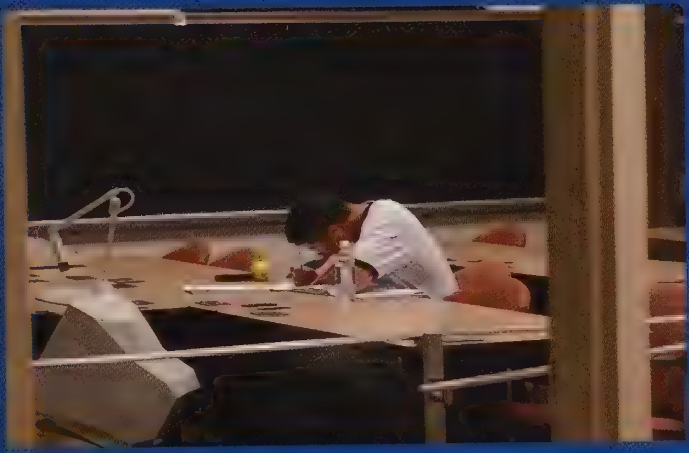
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

…please rain, please.”

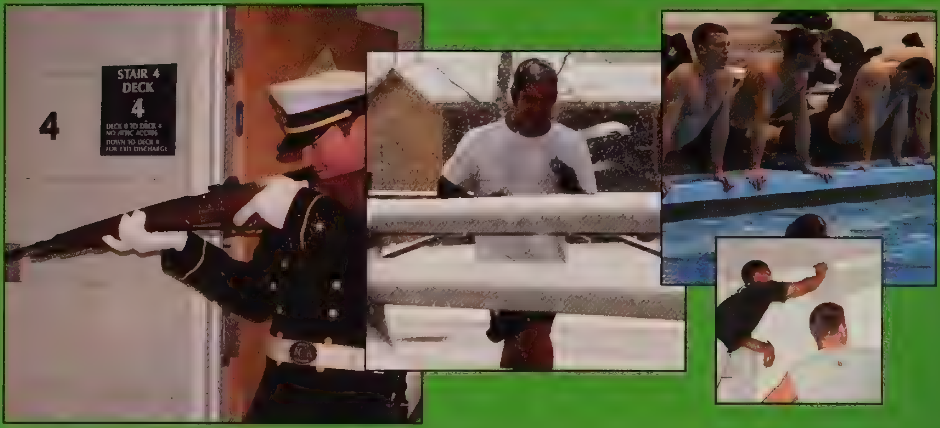
wednesday

Mando meal, forrestal, alpha inpection, and a test in the morning...

"Can we get a weekend?"



Wednesday



DTA: the Plebe Perspective....110

DC, Baltimore & Beyond....112

Cars & Cabs....114

King Hall....116

Sleeping Plebes....118

After School (The Daily Grind)....120

After School (Fun & Games)....122

Student Life

Inspections....................124

Mid Services....................126

Exchange Cadets....................128

Siblings....................130

Youngster Life....................132

Back in Time (USNA in 1955). 134

DTA, *the plebe perspective*

Drop the chem books, put away the calc equations, throw away your menus and put on those liberty nametags - its the weekend, and for the fourth class that can only mean one thing: another exciting adventure to the Annapolis Mall.

"Its just good to get away," replies MIDN 4/C Godiksen (1st Co.), "My favorite store is the Sharper Image because you can lie down on the massage chairs and take a great nap: something we all need." An understatement for any mall frequenters who knows that for many plebes the mall only means more places to fall asleep: the food court, the massage chairs, the changing rooms, the movies ... the line for the movies.

If not sleeping you can find a mid catching up on professional development by staying current on world events. "I think J-Lo has got married at least five times and I didn't know about any of them," MIDN Kim (1st Co.) commented, with 4/C Manuel (14th Co.) adding, "We're locked up so much of the time I could not even tell you what new movies are out." Well thank God for the mall and that plethora of truly useful information.

Maybe it's the hint of contraband that stirs the fourth class blood: the walking - no, not chopping - down the side of the mall's main corridor and that acute angle you just made into Brookstone. Maybe it's the time spent releasing energy on the heads of tiny Moles using a hammer you stole from Johnny, the eight year old waiting in the Arcade for his mom to finish shopping.

top: Sam Kim finds zen in a massage chair
right: The stylish plebe always shops at Coach. Unfortunately they didn't carry the mens' bags Josh Gilbert was seeking

Maybe it's the atractive sophmore, in high school, that you caught admiring your SDBs - or better yet that you bothered puffing out your chest to get that small bit of attention. Or, maybe, just maybe, it's the sweet escape from Swedish Meaballs as you bite into Fuddrucker's succulent one pound burger.

Then all of your midstore watches sing in unison 2130, and you desperatly dash out to Mr. Brown like Cinderella to her pumpkin, hoping to make it back to the hall early and unnoticed.

Now in the cab, you turn behind them to see the glow of Annapolis Mall slowly fading in the rear windshield. Your high-school girls are gone, gone with the civilian clothes, gone with the Arcade games and gone with the oh so juicy hamburgers.

No worries though, Saturday is only six days away.

Maybe it's the hint of contraband that stirs the fourth class blood

WORLD TRAVEL
EUROPEAN TRAVEL
CRAFTS
ALL DVDs

DC, Baltimore & Beyond

Above: Is that Herndon?

Middle: Going out in public garners thanks, well wishes and plenty of photo requests from passers by.

While the highlights of our lives are clearly the long hours spent in class, on the parade field, and devouring King Hall's fine cuisine – sometimes you just have to get away. The USNA nightlife is thrilling and all, but believe it or not, in Washington, D.C., Baltimore, and other nearby cities they actually have one. We are privileged to be within short driving distance of two major cities, several "real" colleges and a multitude of clubs, bars and other establishments for midshipmen to escape to when the Academy cuts us loose.

Of course, fourth-class midshipmen know nothing of this forbidden pleasure; they are kept on a twenty-two mile leash specifically to preclude them from traveling to such strange and distant lands. After earning that youngster stripe, though, there's nothing that can keep us from venturing to our nations capital and beyond. Oh wait, except for the continued prohibition on driving -- there is always that. And to make matters worse, public transportation beyond our Annapolis hamlet is notoriously tricky. Sure once you get to New Carrollton the Metro will take you anywhere and the Baltimore light rail plugs you right into the heart of the city, but of course most busses there don't run on the weekends and a round trip in a cab will practically exhaust your third class salary.

So second class year comes along. You've got a car, you've got civvies so you don't have to go out wearing a giant "look at me" flag, and you're quite likely 21.

D.C. and Baltimore are yours to own.

Bottom: With the help of family, a couple newly minted youngsters appear to have escaped their natural habitat during commissioning week, spotted here near the Mall in Washington, D.C.

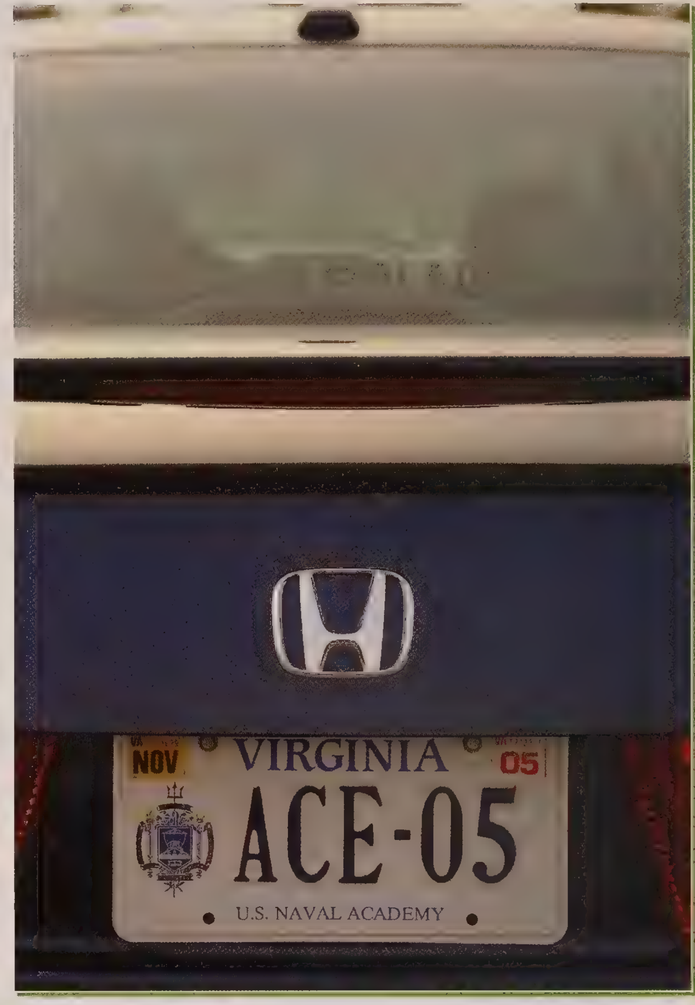
Some of the best places to go are the other nearby universities: UMBC and College Park, Georgetown and George Washington (don't mix them up), American, Howard, Hopkins, Catholic and even St. Johns. Okay well maybe not St. Johns. Travel a little farther and UVA, UPenn, Rutgers and more are still well within reason. The farther you go, the less likely you are to run into another Mid, though you'll never escape them completely. Let us out on the weekends and we gravitate toward just about any school other than our own. You probably have friends from high school at some of these universities who you can stay with, and even if not, there are always new and interesting people to meet at the clubs and bars. In reality, Annapolis does have a pretty solid selection where eating and drinking are concerned, but if you're more into intermingling with those strange civilian types, the atmosphere of a big-city club might be more your style. At the very least you can probably find a filthy corner of a dorm room rug to pass out on until Sunday comes around and you have to start back to school.

Let us out on the weekends and we gravitate toward just about any school other than our own.

cars & cabs

Finally! Finally, second-class year comes along and you can get that car you've been craving for the last two years. You just become accustomed to driving yourself around in high school, show up here, and they take it away. For two years your hands itch for a steering wheel, you stare longingly at your firstie friends driving on and off the yard in their fancy-pants civilian clothes, and maybe – if you're really afflicted with the sickness – you make vroom vrrr-roooom noises as you go chopping around corners when nobody's looking. Maybe you were audacious as a youngster and kept one stashed away out in town, daring to drive it only when you knew the coast was clear. But when second-class year comes along you get that coveted privilege back and are finally set free to drive yourself around like a normal human being.

Of course, the logistics of owning a car are still complicated. Many second class wait until they get their loan because the costs are prohibitive. New parking arrangements and fees at the stadium have made things more complex, but with added bus routes and a semblance of security, they may actually be improving.



With that hefty second class loan and often with the assistance of mom and dad, Mids can frequently swing some pretty nice rides. SUVs and trucks are growing in popularity among Midshipmen, as they are in the general public, despite rising gas prices and high cost of ownership. Many still choose to splurge and buy that Midstang or other fast red sports car, while the rest are probably just putting theirs off until they can afford one as an Ensignmobile. With time constraints, most Mids don't have a lot of time to work on cars, but even a quick glance across the stadium lot or first class parking reveals that they do take pride in their cars and often enjoy modifying or up-

Mr. Brown's Executive Cab

He is number three on your speed dial, behind your Mom and maybe your girlfriend. The best ride in Annapolis, you know he will get you where you want to go. After all, this cabbie has seen it all, done it all, known it all. An Annapolis man through and through, Mr. Brown grew up crabbing with his father on the seawall, having picnics with his family on Farragut, and watching the sailboats from Dewey. "It's sad, but necessary – that they closed down the Academy a lot more after 9 -11. Very necessary though, I know why it had to be done." Despite the distance, Mr. Brown kept his close relationship with the Academy by continuing his Executive Service. Now he has been driving midshipmen and Annapolis residents for over six years, and always with a serving of helpful advice free of charge. As a father of seven, Mr. Brown is no stranger to giving advice. "Humans are just like electricity, you know," he will say looking back at you through his rear-view mirror, "they will always take the path of least resistance. That's why discipline is good." And then, if your lucky and had the privilege of riding with him your plebe year and again later on, he might smile at you before his next comment. "It's really interesting seeing you all grow up, comin' in snot-nosed whiners and leavin something else completely. It's a great thing to see." I hope Mr. Brown knows that it's not just the school that helps us, but the people around it. The rich have their psychiatrists, the average have their bartenders, the unfortunate have nobody and the very lucky – well – the very lucky get Mr. Brown.

grading them, if only to slap on a USNA window stricker or maybe a new set of wheels. Between the obvious signs, the white covers sitting on the passenger seat or dash, and the bags full of all the junk that doesn't fit into your lockers, it's prety easy to spot a Midshipman car out in town, a fact that the Annapolis police would readily point out.

top: The Jeep is an ever popular choice
left: With the BMW 3 series quickly becoming the new Midstang, something more is needed to stand out from the crowd
right: A red Nissan turbo Z. Many a Mid dreams of such things.

King Hall

Sandwich Thurdays, Mexican Tuesdays, Wednesday Evening Mando Meal, Sunday Leftovers: for the most part I like King Hall food, day in, day out. Then again, I'm also one of the least picky people I know.

There are some things about it, though, that I find less than appealing. When I say some things, I mean one general thing, and that is this: whenever I eat at King Hall, it tastes good while I'm eating. However, it stays with me the whole day. I can never get that infernal taste out of my mouth

So that's why they have the fruit/assorted weird foods carts. They have everything: yogurt, kidney beans, tuna, chickpeas, cottage cheese. I don't think I could ever eat an entire helping of cottage cheese, but I'm starting to get a taste for Chick Peas at every meal. Good enough to stomach a cup of them, they're healthy, filling, and just bad enough so as to not inspire gluttony at every meal.

Now the best things are the desserts, because they are usually imported. The Edy's ice cream is one of my favorites (although I do miss the King Hall creamy ice cream originals). The D'frosta Shakes are better than everyone realizes, because when they're in King Hall they're still frozen, and nobody seems to get that they're called D'frosta Shakes because you have to defrost them if they are to become shakes. I like the new donuts at Tuesday breakfast, too.

But King Hall isn't just about food. Its also about not getting food when you don't

Top: The daily rush of Mids dashing into King Hall. Sometimes it was hard to fit a meal into a busy Mid schedule.

Below: A prezel roll undergoes a transformation to become a pastrami sandwich.

Bottom: 6th wing of King Hall in all its glory.

King Hall

have enough ~~people~~ in your table. Breakfast just wouldn't be the same if you didn't occasionally have to frantically ask random mids to come sit with you so that you can actually get something decent to eat. Often people will just settle for cereal.

Oh, and don't forget the announcements. Sports, awards, meetings, and prayers keep everyone standing. I'm not saying that nobody wants to hear it, but the audible sigh at the command "Brigade, seats" is undeniable.

All in all, king Hall isn't perfect, but at least it is free.

Above: King Hall wouldn't be King Hall without all the stupid antics done by plebes to make sure that their upper-class are in a good mood. Above, 4/C Lowhorn (left) and 4/C Zeiler dress up as Maverick and Goose, from **Top Gun***.*
Bottom: King Hall wouldn't be the same without plenty of condiments, complete with all the salad dressings you don't really want.

the audible sigh at the command "Brigade, seats" is undeniable.

KEN'S
KEN'S
KEN'S

Sleeping Plebes

Sleeping Plebes

Most would agree that sleep deprivation is an inescapable element at the United States Naval Academy. Instead of having the luxury of hitting the rack at a reasonable hour, mids are forced to find creative, quiet resting places. Since plebes do not rate rack privileges, they must rely on creativity to discover other places to grab a nap. The most common position was face-down on their desk during class. This method had various setbacks however. For starters, you are at the mercy of your professor, some of whom have very creative ideas of what to do to sleeping mids. Then there is also the inevitable impression of your hand on your face for the next several hours. Other plebers have even turned to the famed hotel Nimitz. "Renting" a nice quiet video room and simply being able to crash for a period or two seems to be the way to go. If you're back in your room, your closet is just as a good place as any. Closets are dark and unfamiliar to the always-prowling upper class, conveniently hidden, and best of all, there are mounds of clothes begging to be laid on. Just cover your shoes with a bulky o-coat, create a pillow with your SDB jacket, and you have a quality napping station. Another favorite method is to quickly chop back to your room, shut your door, grab the pillow off your rack and create a make- shift rack on top of your desk. It is almost as good as a rack and doesn't wrinkle the sheets. Just set your alarm and you are good to go. These ideas work for those who are not fortunate enough to have a locker room to head to like those hard working athletes who head to their locker room to grab some shut eye. For example, those lucky gymnasts have a locker room and a mattress where they can relax between periods. Then there is the boathouse for the crew teams to sleep in and store contraband too. We can't forget the squash team either with their lovely private entertainment facility: a nice quiet room with a sofa, t.v., and refrigerator. All athletes know it is well deserved after an extra two and a half hours of exertion. Oh! The perks of a varsity athlete. The entire plebe class; however, is completely aware of the nap that is automatically built in to mandatory 4/c briefs. Simply slouch low enough, get the proper neck- bend and voilà, a good hour of complete relaxation.

After School: *The Daily Grind*

WORDEN FIELD

Life after school at the Naval Academy could certainly be described in one word: packed. While civilian counterparts boasted of schedules with a mere 12 credits, and the St. Johns kids moseyed around school playing Frisbee and sleeping on the grass, midshipmen filled their afternoons with activities such as drill, sports practice, Extra Instruction and Main Office watch.

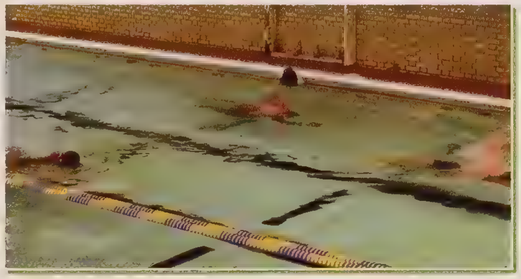
For starters, the average mid took an academic load of 18 credits. Despite this rigorous academic schedule, there was still more to do after school than homework. Mids power walked back to Bancroft after class, shins aching, to grab rifles and watch belts for practice parades.

Above: Drill and other mandatory events could really cramp your after school schedule
Below: Any time, Anywhere, someone will be running
Opposite, top: Mids putting in the long hours studying

After School: The Daily Grind

Days that included drill usually included events such as mando meal. In this case, one's entire day could be shot. If the evening did not consist of drill or mando meal, there was always a few hours of watch to stand, some random event that needed ushers, or - heaven forbid - studying for class. Running errands was also a familiar routine. Before they closed, mids rushed to the post and express offices to pick up packages, to the bank to get cash, and to the mid store.

Somewhere in between, most people found time each day for exercise, whether through their varsity, club or intramural sport, or simply on their own. Some would hardly consider it part of their 'daily grind,' but instead an enjoyable time away from other pressures. Regardless of the reason, you could always find someone on the yard working out, day or night, rain or shine, without fail.



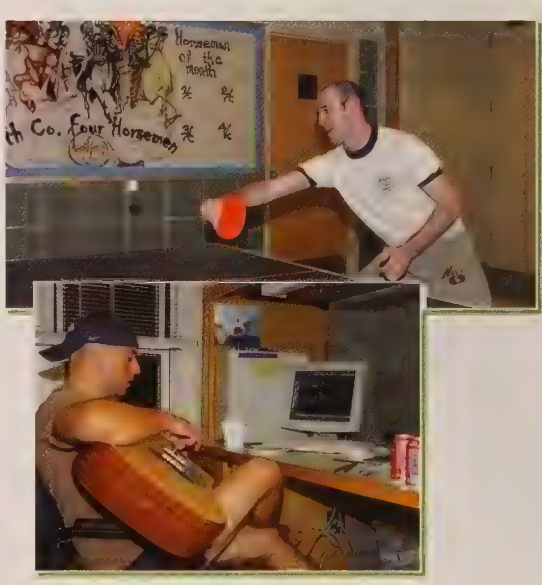
After School: *Fun & Games*

With all the pressures and all the time constraints at the Naval Academy, it can be all too easy to get into a rut and lose sight of the things we enjoy most. Fortunately, Mids generally knew how to keep from going insane and would do just about anything to get away from their other pressures and avoiding homework like the plague. While still constrained to the yard on most weekdays, we found opportunities to make the best of our time here.

All work and no play

As soon as the working day ended and company officers cleared out, hall sports began. We rode scooters and skateboards between rooms to chat with our friends. Late nights were spent hammering on an XBox or watching movies. Mids really are pretty active people, though, and loved to get out of Bancroft. Even winter weather couldn't keep Mids cooped up inside their rooms. With the first signs of spring, dozens of outdoor sports bloomed across the yard. The Academy was even considerate enough to provide us with organized escapes: First Night to Cinco De Mayo, concerts to crab feasts, and intramurals to ECAs.

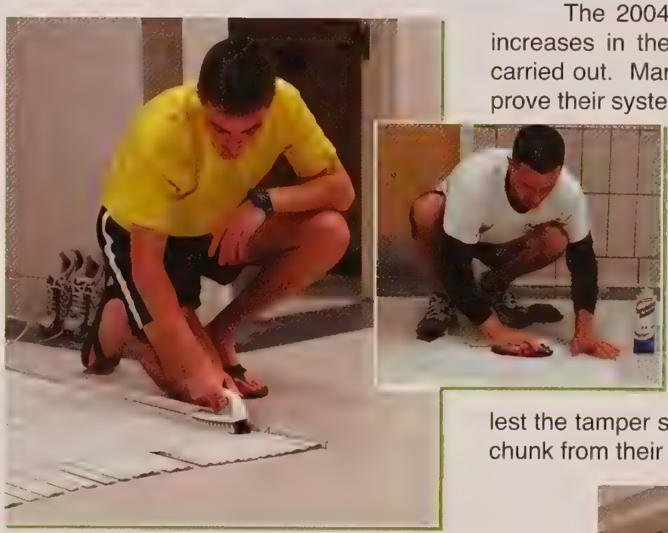
The best part of after school life truly was the company of friends. Whether you shared a game of catch or a casual conversation, there was always someone around to help make your life as a Mid more tolerable.



After School: Fun & Games

Makes Jack a dull boy

Inspections



The 2004-2005 academic year saw dramatic increases in the vigor with which inspections were carried out. Many companies were pressured to improve their systems of enforcing room standards, and threats of repercussions were not idle threats. The highest echelons of Academy leadership directed the efforts by instituting stricter standards for material discrepancies. Apparently since the Commandant's daughter has to pay for room damage at her college, we should too. Midshipmen grew nervous of changing their thermostats when the weather changed, lest the tamper seal be broken and a hefty fee take a chunk from their meager paychecks.

Room standards that had always existed were now being enforced, to the max. Fear abounded when the Deputy Commandant or Battalion Officer announced he would be walking through your wing. Bravo room standards suddenly included a radiant coat of Mop and Glo; the scent of Simple Green hung in the air constantly as we struggled to stay on top of the cycle of stripping and waxing. Stories circulated of these periodic inspections going terribly wrong, from secured liberty and multiple re-inspections to the tale involving a contraband goldfish being thrown from a window. Often the inspection seemed to not even materialize, though we dared not let our guard down and bet on the

Top: Inspecting a rack to exact dimensions. After plebe summer this is only done when posing for pictures

Middle: Scrubbing blinds and shower curtains is one of the least desirable jobs in preparing for an inspection

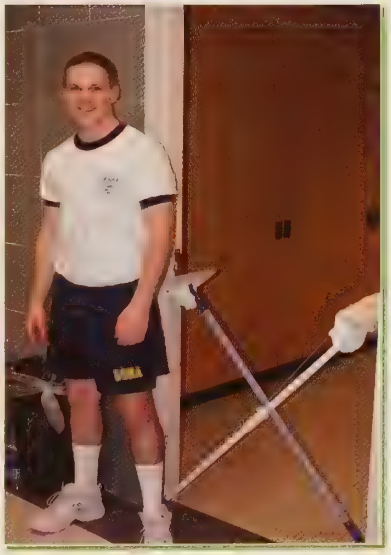
Right: No space is too small to ignore for dust

Inspections

Top: The night of an alpha, as our rooms got cleaner, the halls just seemed to get worse and worse
Right: Jeremy Garner says, "Use Mop & Glo!"
Bottom: After a fresh coat of wax, rooms must be guarded with diligence and the utmost resolve to prevent intruders

Deputy to be a no-show.

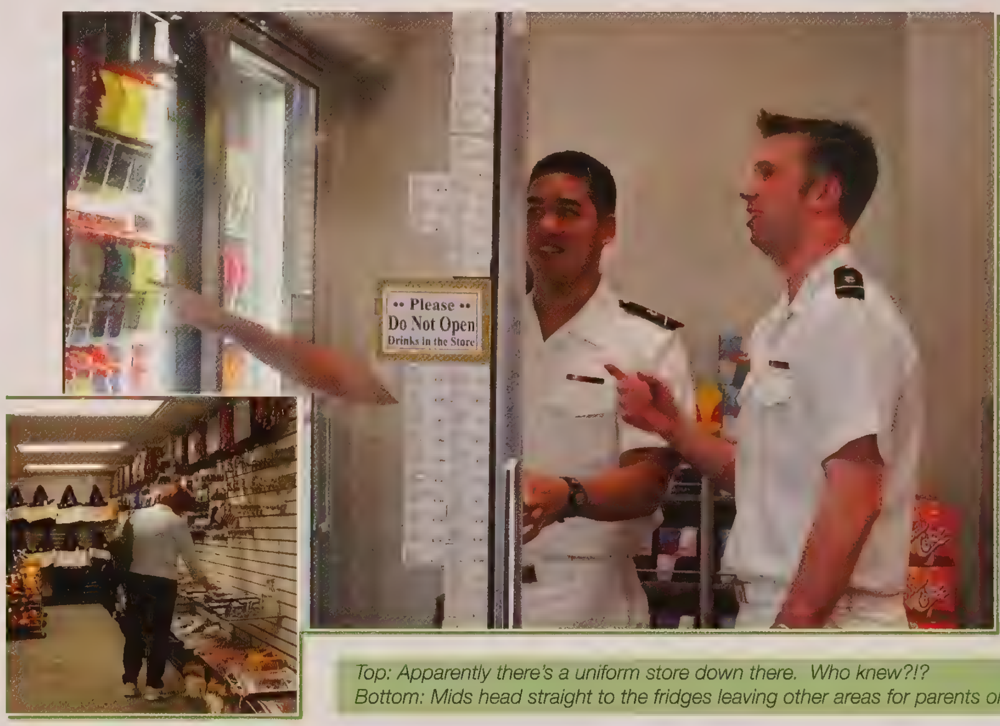
These were just part of our day-to-day life in the hall. When a zone inspection occurred, the Brigade was raised to even more frenzied levels as we competed for the best inspection results. With the new competitive liberty policy, good preparation for an Alpha could correlate directly to more weekend liberty for the following semester, perhaps the most coveted reward a Mid can receive. Entire rooms were dumped into the hallways as preparation began with yet another thorough stripping and waxing of the deck. While the wax dried, though, we would order a pizza from steerage, set up some folding chairs and relax in the cluttered passageways – a reminder that maybe this place isn't so bad after all. Academic year alpha inspections were not all that exhaustive. You finished cleaning just moments before the inspection was scheduled to start and if your room was decently well prepared and in generally good condition you had little to worry about. Someone would walk into your room, check the discrepancy sheet, and walk back out. The First Lieutenant had a lot to worry about, but most of us would be done soon enough and could get on with our lives.



Mid Services

A nebulous and oft misunderstood organization of convoluted bureaucracy, strange working hours, a hit-or-miss staff and a relationship of complete mutual dependence. No, we're not talking about the federal government or even the Academy's officer staff – we're talking about the NAF programs. You either love them or you hate them, but the various components that make up the Mid services are essential to our lives at the Academy. From day one they took on the role of our primary providers, like nurturing mothers for poor abandoned plebes, and continued to suck us dry through the Mid Store card and all the absurd hype about how it's not real money so you can just spend and spend to your little plebe heart's content. The relationship continues into the upper-class years with the Mid Store as our primary source of school supplies and a wealth of caffeinated and chemically infused energy boosters to keep mids going through a grueling morning of class. They are the wellspring that gives life to the mountains of Navy gear that your parents dutifully pile onto the cashier's counter each and every time they visit.

The barber shop, in just the same way, is a necessary addiction in our Academy lives. The addition of the barber cam on the USNA network was a tremendous help to Mids, letting them know before they even left their rooms that if they went down to the barber, they weren't going to get that haircut any time soon. Despite the encouragement, we all still dutifully marched down for that trim around the ears, which apparently translates to high-and-tight



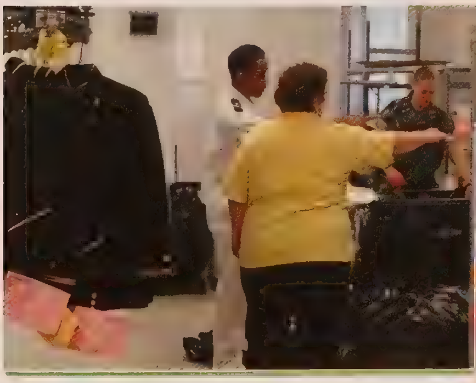
Top: Apparently there's a uniform store down there. Who knew?!?
Bottom: Mids head straight to the fridges leaving other areas for parents only

COBBLER SHOP
IF YOU REQUIRE ACCESS TO THIS SPACE, PLEASE CONTACT: BANCROFT OOW

in barberspeak. If you thought ahead to make appointments, you could depend on a good haircut and some friendly conversation from Smitty or the other well known barbers. If you waited in line you took your chances.

Using the laundry services is an equally adventurous undertaking. From the delightfully blunt Lilly helping mids of all classes figure out how to fill out their laundry chits to the cobbler, perhaps the greatest enigma of them all, these individuals are as much a part of the brigade as each midshipman.

Above: The cobbler brags of his top-notch services, and how, contrary to popular belief, you don't have to pay because he gets it straight from your paycheck
Middle: Smitty serves up a first rate haircut as Mids wait patiently for their turn
Bottom: The laundry service center and the self service alternative



Exchange Cadets

Top: C2C Ashley Hubbard on a night on the town with some of her friends from 14th company.

Below left: C2C Gail Watling enjoys an excursion on a Navy 26' sail boat.
Right: C2C Chris Patterson enjoys being towed after running a Navy 26' sail boat aground
Bottom: C2C's Micheal Lebovitz, (right) Grant Bubb (left) pose with the Superintendant Vice Admiral Rempt, on The Severn, *his yacht.*

I would like to begin by apologizing to our friends who came to USNA on exchange first semester, which includes all of the Whoops and Coasties. The idea didn't occur until too late to try to include you, but we assure you, you live on in our hearts and memories.

That having been said, there's lots to be said for all of the Air Force Cadets. They had a blast; a change of pace allowed them to meet cooler people. Plus there is an actual town around this Academy.

Whether it was visiting with the Superintendent on his Yacht, sailing on the Colgate 26 sailboats, drinking in DTA, the impression I got was that everyone thought that Annapolis was way cooler than Colorado Springs.

"I like the camaraderie" noted C2C Ashley Hubbard, who spent the semester with 14th Company. "After basic (their plebe summer) everyone was scattered. That everyone stays with their company mates for all four years is great in building a sense of togetherness."

I'm going to Coast Guard next semester, and all I can say is that I hope that I will have as much fun as these people seemed to have here at the Naval Academy.

I'll leave you with some quotes from the Zoomies. Some of them had a lot to say, and I guess they say it best.

"If I knew the things I know now when I was in high school about the differences between the Academies...I would have gone Navy."

"To all my peeps in 16th company, I love you...You are the handsomest mids in the brigade and I will never forget your kindness."

"How would I describe my time at the Naval Academy? Two words...Hoo Rah" – John Haney.

"I cannot thank the midshipmen of 28th company for their friendship and hospitality during my stay here. I watched them struggle through academic, military, and life obligations and I enjoyed being right there with them. Thank you for letting me share your lives. Good luck with your careers." –Mike Liebovitz

Fair winds and following seas.

-JZ

Exchange Cadets

Above: Abord Admiral Rempt's yacht, C2C John Haney looks suspiciously at a rather smug looking Midshipman Ernest Hanes. Look at that face: so smug and self satisfied. Can you blame John for being suspicious? Just kidding Ernie, you know we love you.

Right: All eight exchange cadets pose with Brigade Master Chief Bernard Quibilan in front of Memorial Hall. Cadets from Top: Kevin Stanley, Stephen Keefer, Grant Bubb, Micheal Lebovitz. Chris Patterson, John Haney, Ashley Hubbard and Gail Watling.

Below: C2C Micheal Lebovitz looks vaguely demonic as he threatens to bite the head off of a lobster at the annual Beat the Dark Ages dinner.

"If I knew the things I know now when I was in high school about the differences between the academies...I would have gone Navy"- C2C J. Haney

"I came to the Naval Academy really loving my family, and you get here and those guys in my company - every one of us - I truly believe that they're part of my family," says Travis Amerine (21st Company, class of 2005).

In his opinion, one of the core values of the Naval Academy is the sense of family that we are instilled with as fellow Midshipmen, largely from living in such a close-knit environment, a factor that has also helped foster a close relationship with his biological brothers. He goes on to say that "it's just been an extra, added bonus to have Denver here with me to experience that." This year, Travis and his younger brother Denver (4th Company, class of 2007) were one of the Academy's most well known sibling pairs and they were even preceded by another Amerine brother, Lee, from the class of 2003. In a place as steeped in tradition as the Naval Academy, not only does a sense of family develop within the brigade, but it is quite common to have multiple links to the Academy in a family tree. From parents and grandparents to brothers and sisters -- older, younger or twins, and every combination thereof -- the family ties seen throughout the brigade each year are always striking.

Every individual Midshipman is their own person and is an adult capable of making their own decisions, a point which Midshipmen Clint and Levi DesJarlais, brothers from Alaska, stress in explaining their relationship here at the Academy. And just as each DesJarlais brother has their own unique personality, each family of siblings here at the Academy also has a dynamic that isn't quite like the others. By nature of the admissions process, each midshipman is qualified in his or her own right and is individually driven to succeed. When multiple siblings choose to attend the Academy together, they frequently cite the others as a strong influence, but are careful to designate between an influence and a deciding factor.

The privilege of having an older brother or sister here has many benefits for both siblings and even their friends. Being a plebe without privileges it is nice to have an escape, and many younger siblings will spend time with their older brother or sister to take advantage of their improved rights: free rides all over town, carry on at dinner, maybe safe storage

Below: Travis, Denver and Ensign Lee Amerine (Classes of '07, '05 and '03, respectively) pose together as Denver becomes the third brother to attend USNA. The Amerines were among the most visible and well known sibling pairs in recent Academy history.

Above: Left to Right, Richard Jindrich ('07); Ens Joseph Jindrich, USN (class of '05); SPC Matthew Jindrich, Army National Guard; CAPT Charles Jindrich III, USMC (class of '2000); CAPT Charles Jindrich II, USN (ret) attend Joe's graduation.
Below: Midn Clinton and Levi DesJarlais (both class of '07) with General Pace at the Marine Corps Ball

of civvies. An older sibling can help as a mentor, too. Denver Amerine admits that his older brothers bring a different perspective and an "insight on how things work" to help pass on knowledge, but Travis quickly points out that it works both ways, with Denver and Lee helping to complement his personality.

Siblings are always asked about each other, from questioning whether they give each other a hard time to their feelings on overshadowing each other's accomplishments. Surprisingly, most do not give the answers you would expect to these questions. Very rarely do upper class siblings mess with their younger counterparts, perhaps playing pranks early in plebe year or on occasions such as Army Week and Halloween. A younger sibling is likely to feel pressured to "fill the shoes" of those who went before, but typically keep a very mature outlook and understanding of their own potential and abilities. These traits are certainly not restrained to sibling groups, but their unique positions and often extraordinary experiences give an added depth to the Naval Academy Family to which we all belong.

Special Thanks to all families with whom we spoke regarding this page. May you all have lasting friendships as both siblings and brothers in the traditions of the Navy and Marine Corps.

Photos appear courtesy of their original owners.

Youngster Life

"Others languish in laziness, succumbing to the temptation of the nap."

Being a youngster ain't all it's cracked up to be. Don't get me wrong, of course it's better than being a plebe. But the thing is, you go into youngster year riding the wave of great expectations: no more pro-knowledge, no more chopping; in short, no more plebe stuff. While these statements are true, the reality is that life still [illegible] youngsters [illegible] rules. We can't drive. We can't go out on Fridays. Instead we spend time playing the guitar or wasting the hours playing hall tennis and being a [illegible] pain in the butt.

You haven't quite adjusted to the idea that "not being a plebe" is not the solution to all your problems and your role as "mentor" to the plebes is nebulous and often wasted.

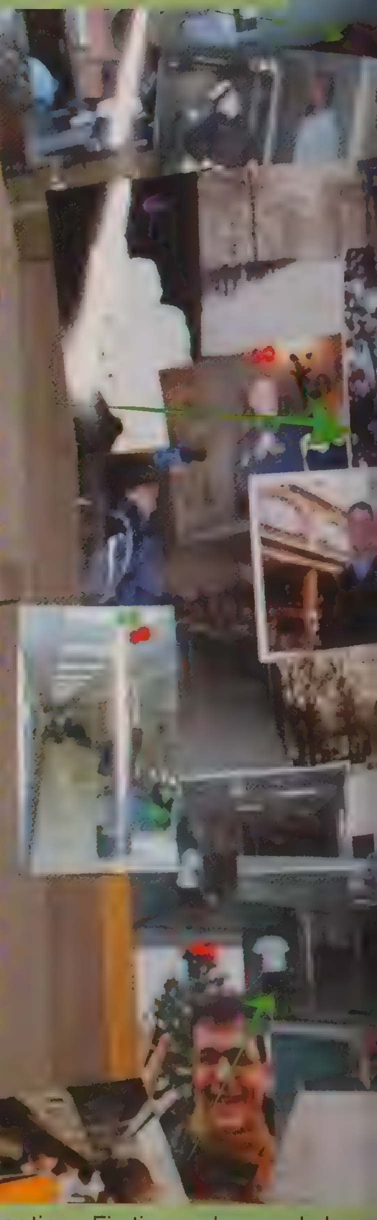
Youngster year is a time to find yourself, or to [illegible] conclusively that you are lost forever. Some take on many challenges in a search for meaning and find themselves overworked. Others languish in laziness, succumbing to the temptation of the nap, something they were not allowed to learn to deal with the year before.

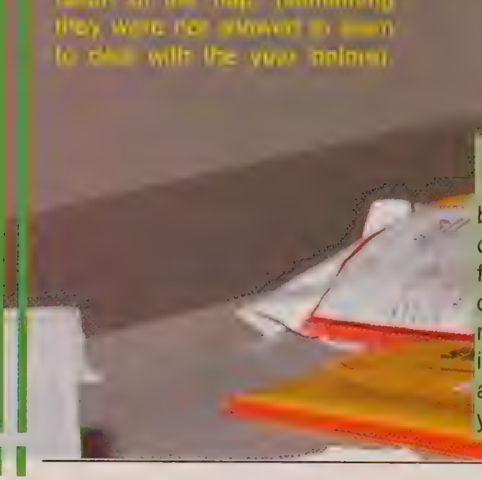
Yet, as always, life is filled with the little moments of beauty. Walking back from the library [illegible] Bancroft Hall at night and even [illegible] the Dark Ages, I'm reminded why life is worth living.

In the Spring, however, [illegible]. Seasons are slow to [illegible]. The summer on the [illegible] and Spring in Annapolis providing an adequate distraction from the usual routine of weeks of school and [illegible].

At the end of this, the midshipmen emerge from their cocoon as the beautiful butterfly: a second class. Actually, they haven't been [illegible] for [illegible], becoming cynical beyond repair. Everyone does their best to move on.

I got through the youngster year like everyone else before me. It may not have been the most meaningful or enjoyable year, but I feel [illegible] from Plebe year, and ready to start training a new crop of midshipmen.



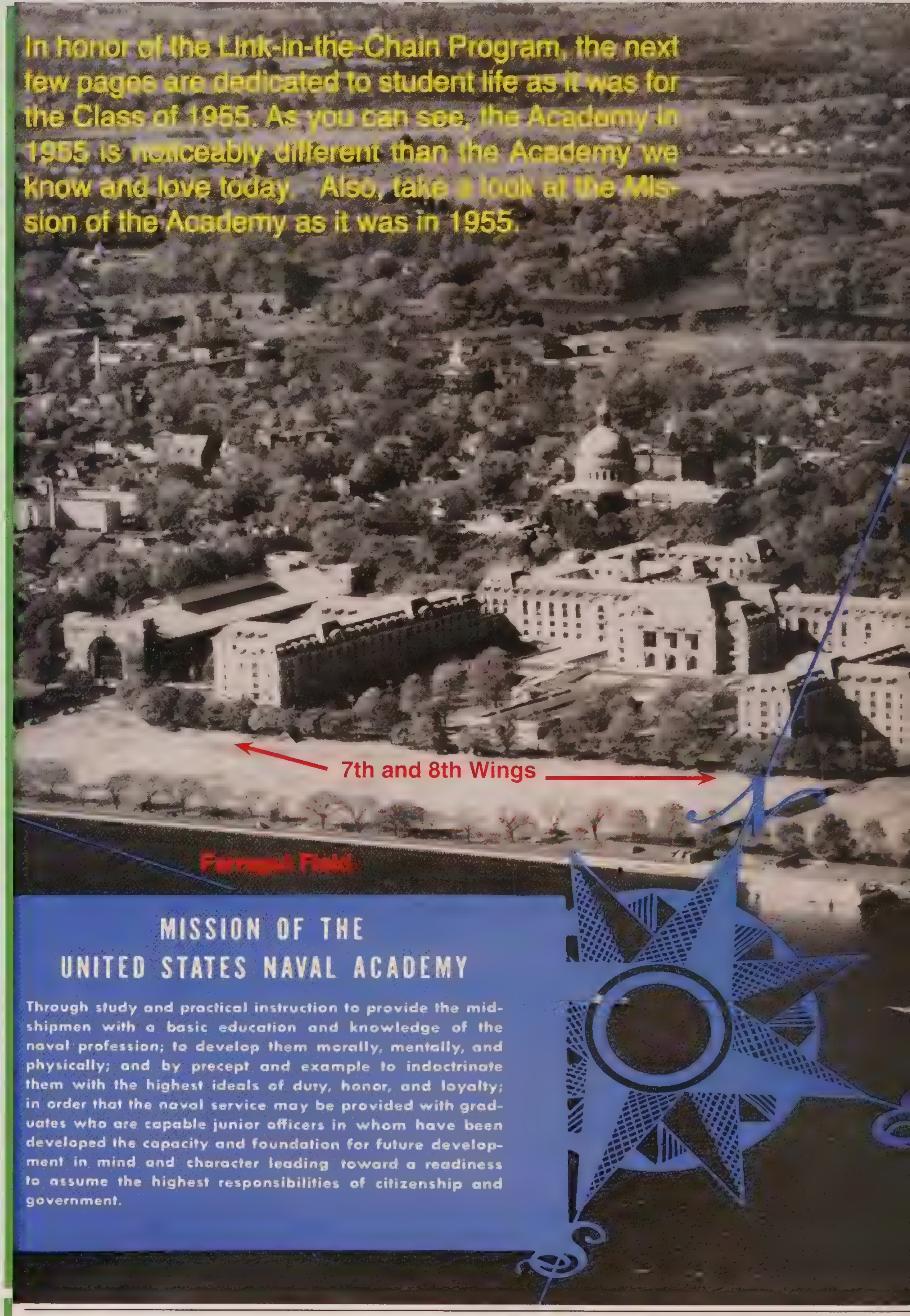


Friday nights are youngster time. Firsties and second-class are all on weekend, or out getting drunk. The highest symbol of authority is the CDO, who probably isn't around anyway, or the ultimate intimidating figure, the Mate. Youngsters have free reign to do just about…nothing. There's not much you can do with this time that's that special, except maybe the aforementioned hall tennis. Most people just spend the time watching movies, sleeping, or just bumming around. Maybe if you are the biggest Joe in the world (yeah, you know who you are) you may be doing homework.

Youngster Life

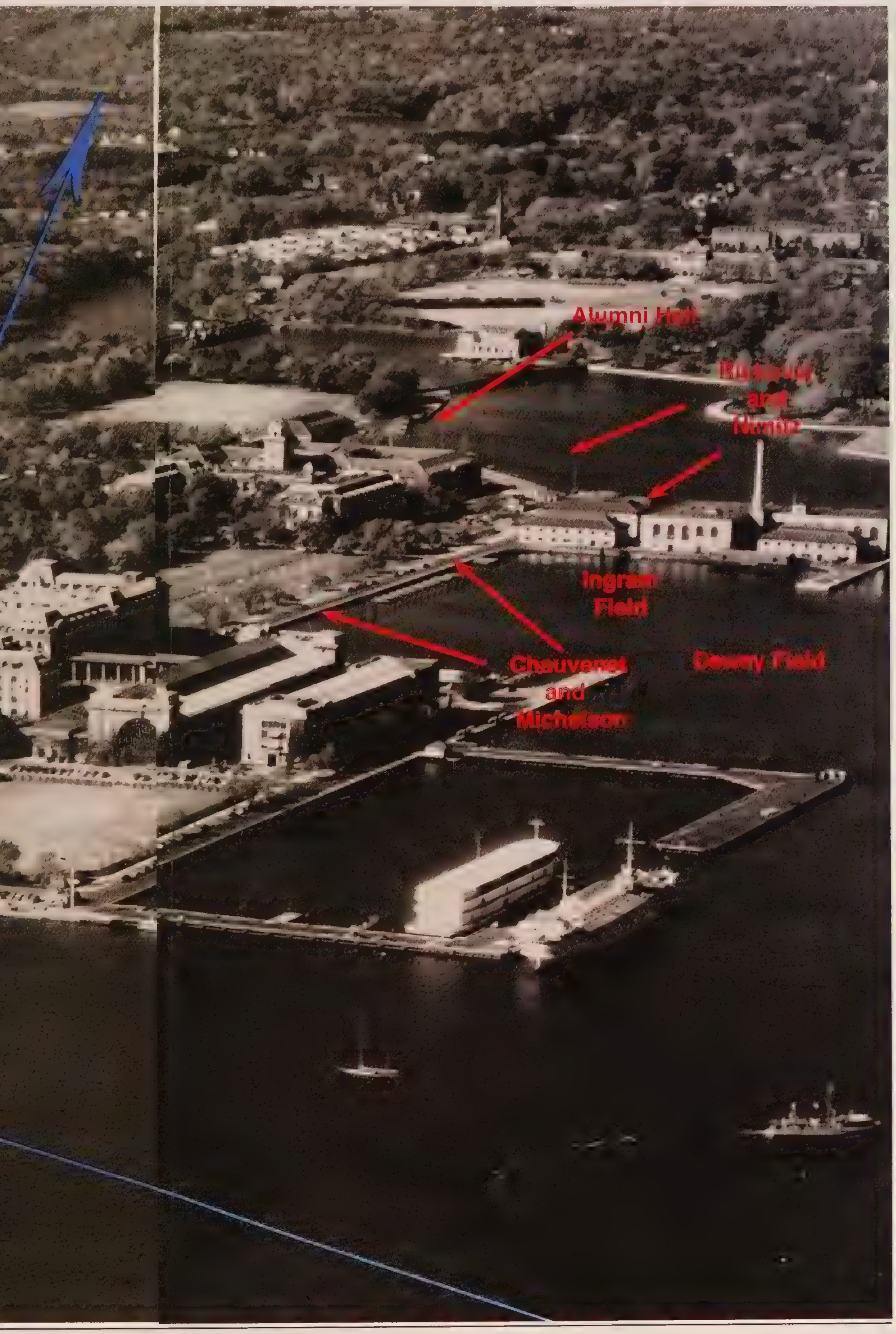
Back in time: USNA 1955

In honor of the Link-in-the-Chain Program, the next few pages are dedicated to student life as it was for the Class of 1955. As you can see, the Academy in 1955 is noticeably different than the Academy we know and love today. Also, take a look at the Mission of the Academy as it was in 1955.



MISSION OF THE UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

Through study and practical instruction to provide the midshipmen with a basic education and knowledge of the naval profession; to develop them morally, mentally, and physically; and by precept and example to indoctrinate them with the highest ideals of duty, honor, and loyalty; in order that the naval service may be provided with graduates who are capable junior officers in whom have been developed the capacity and foundation for future development in mind and character leading toward a readiness to assume the highest responsibilities of citizenship and government.


Alumni Hall
Rickover and Nimitz
Ingram Field
Chauvenet and Michelson
Dewey Field

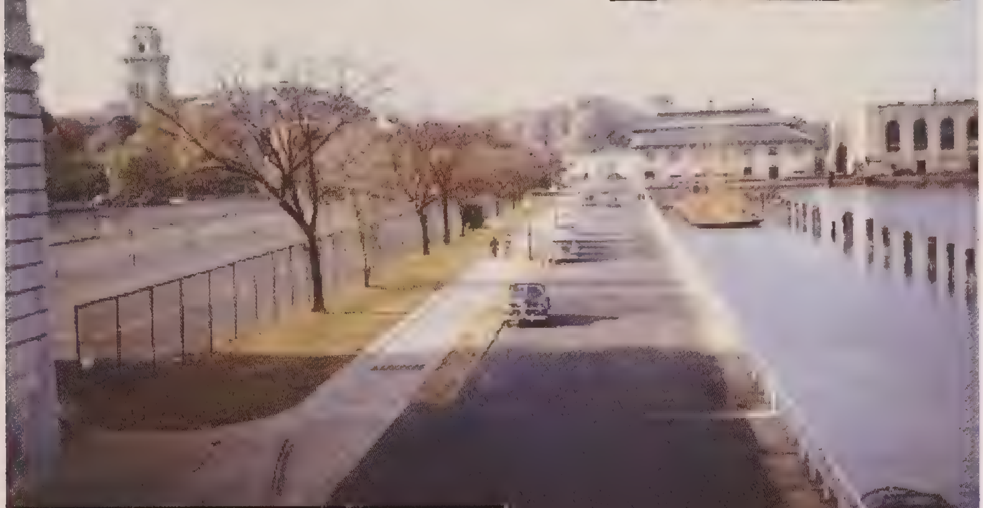
Back in time: USNA 1955

MIDSHIPMENS STORE

Top: Mid Store. Top left: A new class walks through gate 3 on I-Day. Middle left: A plebe Bracing up. Bottom left: Plebes rowing to the Naval Station during Plebe Summer. Below: First class taking a coffee break. Bottom: A First Class getting bricked by his plebes.

Left: Dilbert Dunker, an experience for the youngsters much like the present 10 meter jump. Bottom left: EE as 1955 experienced it. Bottom right: A mid studies with slide rule. Question: What's a slide rule? Bottom: Macdonough Hall.

Top: Naval Academy football games are played on the Academy grounds, because Navy Marine Corps Memorial Stadium hasn't been built yet. Middle: Hubbard Hall. Bottom Left: Firsties enjoy a day on the beach with their girlfriends during June Week. Bottom right: A youngster gets a chance to "drag". In 1955, this meant the honor of escorting a young lady around the Academy grounds, instead of today's definition of showing a potential midshipmen around.



Top left: A firstie and has family relax during June week. Top right: A future Marine Corps 2nd Lieutenant is fitted for his new Uniforms. Middle: Tennis courts stand on the future sites of Chauvenet and Michelson Halls. Bottom left: Graduation Ball. Bottom right: A new Ensign has his shoulder boards put on by his girlfriend after the Graduation and Commissioning ceremony.

"The weekend is in sight...

....unless you have duty."

thursday

“I hope we can wear Ike jackets to inspection...”

*"Whats for lunch?
...oh, yeah."*

utz
utz
Bar-B-Q
potato chips

thursday

The Treaty of Paris
The Treaty of Paris

Members of 14th company toss a Firstie into the air during the first March-on through Annapolis in four years, before defeating Northeastern, 28-24

"There can be no fifty-fifty Americanism in this country. There is room here for only 100 percent. Americanism, only for those who are Americans and nothing else."

- Theodore Roosevelt

The Jolly Rogers perform during halftime at Giants Stadium

"Arm yourselves, and be ye men of valor, and be in readiness for the conflict; for it is better for us to perish in battle than to look upon the outrage of our nation and our altar."

- Winston Churchill

Lacrosse team cellebrates a goal against Georgetown

"We few, we happy few, we band of brothers;
For he to-day that sheds his blood with me
Shall be my brother."
- William Shakespeare, "Henry V"

Colonel Fuquea encites the crowd at the Army-Navy Game

"Some people spend an entire lifetime wondering if they made a difference, and our Marines don't have that problem."

-Ronald Reagan

Major Zaleski watches over his company during Spring parade season

The Treaty of Paris

Members of 14th company toss a Firstie into the air during the first March-on through Annapolis in four years, before defeating Northeastern, 28-24

"There can be no fifty-fifty Americanism in this country. There is room here for only 100 percent. Americanism, only for those who are Americans and nothing else."
- Theodore Roosevelt

Plebes in Fourth Company joust with pugil-sticks during SMT

"Americans love to fight, traditionally. All real Americans love the sting and clash of battle."

-Gen. George Patton

Aaron Polanco celebrates with Kyle Eckel and Mick Yokitis after scoring a touchdown.

Two unknown mids admire the Beat Army bonfire

"The heights by great men reached and kept were not obtained by sudden flight. But they, while their companions slept, were toiling upward in the night."
- Thomas Monson

1/C Tyson Stahl carries in the American flag before a 14-13 win over Rice

"Americanism is a matter of the mind and heart. Americanism is not, and never was, a matter of race or ancestry."

-Franklin D. Roosevelt

1/C Carly Promersberger salutes during the National Anthem vs. Notre Dame

Plebe Summer is all about intensity and putting out maximmum effort

""Patriotism is not short, frenzied outbursts of emotion, but the tranquil and steady dedication of a lifetime."

-Adlai Stevenson

Members of the Midshipman Chain of Command salute during the National Anthem at Army-Navy

28th Company was able to defeat St. John's this year, despite the weather and the crackdown on tailgating.

"Every good citizen makes his country's honor his own, and cherishes it not only as precious but as sacred. He is willing to risk his life in its defense and its conscious that he gains protection while he gives it."
- Andrew Jackson

Teamwork is the key to the mens rugby team's success

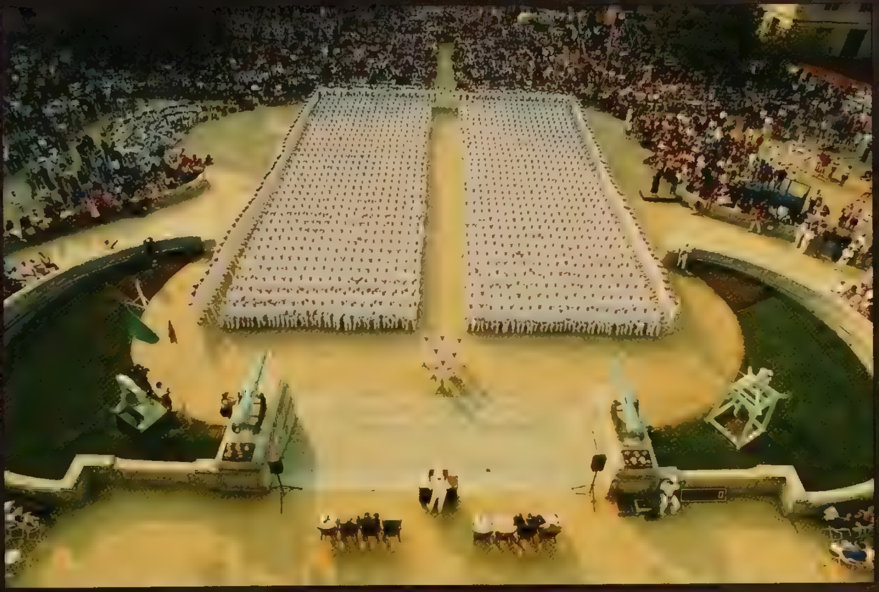
"These are the times that try men's souls. The summer soldier and the sunshine patriot will, in this crisis, shrink from the service of their country; but he that stands it now, deserves the love and thanks of man and woman."

- Thomas Paine

1st Company has a future midshipman admirer during march-on

"A young man who does not have what it takes to perform military service is not likely to have what it takes to make a living."

-John F. Kennedy



I-day marks the first step in the journey for the Class of 2008

The N-Star yardarm displays a pennant for every varsity team that has defeated Army in the past season

> "We are determined that before the sun sets on this terrible struggle, our flag will be recognized throughout the world as a symbol of freedom on the one hand and of overwhelming force on the other."
>
> - George Marshall

Superintendant VADM Rempt watches march-on with pride before Northeastern

"This time, like all times, is a good time, if we but know what to do with it."
-Ralph Waldo Emerson

1/C Garrett Santos sleeps on the military flight returning from Colorado Springs

Brigade Commander Travis Amerine leads the Brigade at Air Force

"To believe, when all along we humans know that nothing can cure the briefness of this life, that there is no remedy for our basic mortality, that is a form of bravery....... So I believed.."

- Lance Armstrong

4214
HARRIS '06

1/C Danny Harris shows that nothing escapes the vison of a detailer.

"Vision without action is a daydream. Action without vision is a nightmare."
-Japanese proverb

NAVY
66
NAVY
NAVY
12

1/C Garrett Barry, RJ Jackson, Elliot Hultgren and Jeff Coover cheer on Navy at Giants

Two admirals look at the scroll of *Those Killed in Battle* during the Flag Officers conference

"Honor to the Soldier, and Sailor everywhere, who bravely bears his country's cause. Honor to also the citizen who cares for his brother in the field, and serves, as best he can, the same cause-honor to him, only less than to him, who braves, for the common good, the storms of heaven and storms of battle."

-Abraham Lincoln

1C Amir Jenkins, Aaron Polanco, and Vaughan Kelley pray before playing Notre Dame

The women's cross country dominated their season this year. They always placed in the top three at every invitational they went to. At the St. Mary Invitational the women beat all competition and took first place. The Spiked Shoe Invitational the ladies placed third out of seventeen teams, and at the Salty Seadog Open they placed first once more out of nine teams. At one of the most remarkable meets, the Gulden Invitational, the ladies pulled an amazing first place out of eleven teams. Their greatest accomplishment this year was taking second place at the Patriot League Tournament. These ladies trained real hard to get ready, and the results were well worth their efforts.

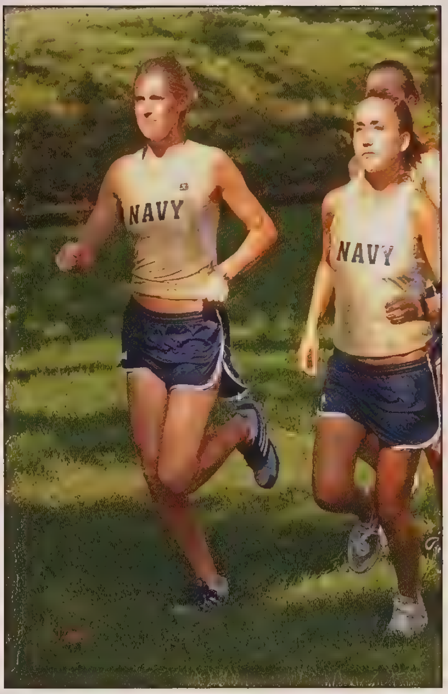
One of the hardest aspects to the cross country season is the summer preceding it. It is tough to motivate oneself to go out and train, which is why a tremendous appreciation is given to the leadership effort by team captain Kristyn Kern. Coach Karen Boyle and teammates acknowledge that "Kristyn is very good at motivating people and is always helping her teammates out." In preparing for the season, the ladies volunteered to run in the Annapolis 10 Mile and a triathlon a week before school started. This shows the dedication that these ladies have for the sport, which in turn brought out a great team and a very good and successful year.

This year's seniors played a major part in bringing the team together. Senior captain "Kristyn Kern was very unifying" her friends explained; because of her there was no division in the team into separate clicks. The other senior leadership came from Vanessa Guthrie and May Wedlund who are proud of "such a great team, since everyone works hard and thinks as a group and not as an individual." They knew when it was time to train, and at the same time knew how to have fun. These girls knew when to break out the madlibs and complete sentences like "as_____ as Karen Boyle" to humor their coach. Kristyn and Vanessa met at a recruiting trip before the academy, and since then have become best friends. Both have been strong at the 800, 1500, and the mile, while May Wedlund championed over the 3k and the 5k. Coach Boyle mentions that "The seniors will definitely be missed, and their shoes will be hard to fill."

This year the ladies built a strong team, as most were returning letter winners. The third class were the main force that led the team to victory. At the Gulden Invitational three of the nine key runners were injured or absent. Despite this setback, their dedication to their team led them to step up and claim their first place victory! The youngsters were led by Emily Castro and Christine Taranto, who won the 1st Team- All-Patriot League Runner awards. Both were "proud of their team, and were overjoyed with their accomplishments at Patriots." Coach also recognizes "Allison Barlow, Erin Demchko, and Justine Whipple as strong competitors and are the heart of the third class." Another strong young runner was fourth class Kyleigh Millhouse who won the Rookie of the Year at the Patriot League Tournament. She said that she was "honored and surprised to have made such an accomplishment this year." She thanks coach Karen for "being an awesome coach by practicing with the team in her golf cart and spending a lot of time with the team whether she likes it or not." With such a talented and young team, next year will be even better remarks the team and the coach.

NAVY
USNA XC
76
Kern

women's cross country



Left: Captain 1/C Kristyn Kern running in the Salty Sea Dog Invitational where she finished 16th. Top Middle: Coach Karen Boyle gives some pointers to her team before the race. Top Right: The Navy team gets some practice running up and down the hills at Hospital Point. Above: The the team poses along with their O-Rep

"The seniors are very special to me! They have no off season; they give so much time and dedication, and they will be missed dearly." quotes Coach Karen Boyle.

ercollegiate sailing sprint

NAVY
78
NAVY
83
NAVY
84
79

Top Left: 3/C Daniel Naughton splashes his way through the course on a rain soaked race day. Top Middle: 1/C Davidson Taveras pulls away from the pack towards the end of the race. Above: The Navy Men's Cross Country Team gathers before a race. Right: 1/C Josh McCann, the Team's top runner at the Patriot League Championship, continues to push to the front of the pack.

"It was a good experience! It was definitely different from being in the hall! These are a good bunch of guys, and we like joking around and talking about swordfish." 1/C Barry Carmody Team Captain.

always a footrace

"Cross-country will always be a footrace, no matter how many miles have been run," Coach Al Cantello reminds all his athletes. When asked how the team did this year, he replies with "well… we BEAT ARMY!" According to the team and the coach, a win against Army determines the season's success. Navy's 2004 season was victorious. On September 18, Navy hosted an invitational for eight teams. Navy fell shy to American University by twenty points but managed to pull off a second place victory thanks to three Mids who finished in the top 10 of the individual standings. A month later Navy captured the N-Star by defeating Army 25-30. 2/C Josh Sink was a key component to the win, placing third with a time of 25:08. Navy was victorious at the Patriot League Championship held at Bucknell. While American scraped by again for another first place, Navy beat out six other teams for the title of runner up. The Mids concluded their season with a tenth place finish at the NCAA Mid-Atlantic Regional at Penn State. It was the fourth consecutive year Navy was among the top ten teams.

This year's captain, 1/C Barry Carmody was proud of the team's accomplishments. He states, "I had the privilege of running under a lot of good captains throughout my USNA years and I had some big shoes to fill." Looking at Navy's stats it seems Carmody did a great job leading his team. Other team leaders were 1/C Roscoe Carney, 1/C Josh McCann, and 1/C Davidson Taveras. McCann was the team's top runner at the Patriot League Championship, earning first-team all-league honors with a seventh place finish. 2/C Sink and 2/C Ty Rose were consistent and strong through out this season and were selected as team captains for the 2005 season next fall.

When asked how he enjoyed running for the Academy, 1/C Carmody replies, "It was a good experience! It was definitely different from being in the hall! These are a good bunch of guys, and we like joking around and talking about swordfish." Coach Cantello knows that his seniors will be successful in life. He proclaims that a cross country runner by nature looks ahead and is goal oriented. "It is in their DNA!"

Top Left: 2/C Ashley Musser digs the ball while 1/C Katey Geary Looks on. Above: The team comes together for a cheer. Right: 1/C Ashley Van Hartesvelt gets ready for another monster kill. Far Right: The team poses for a picture.

Legacy

"It is always hard to have your season come to an end when you know you are losing a great senior class as we are," said Schwob of Geary, Van Hartesvelt and Amanda McHenry (Cary, N.C.). "They have been role models for the rest of the players on the team, combining success within the Brigade, in the classroom and on the volleyball court. The players coming back need to realize the standards they have set in all three areas, and work hard to not just match, but exceed them next season. We are a better program for having those three with us for four seasons." The trio of seniors did a fantastic job this season, leading the Women's Volleyball team all the way to the Patriot League semi-final round. By the end of the year the team had posted a 21-9 record while finishing 8-6 in Patriot League Play, and Van Hartesvelt received First-Team All-Patriot League Honors. The hard work by the seniors motivated the rest of the team throughout the entire season. They set the pace at practices and got the team going during many games with inspirational plays and encouragement. Coach Schwob couldn't have been more right, next year's team will have some big shoes to fill. However, they have experience and many of the underclass know they are ready for the challenge. Good luck next season Navy Women's Volleyball, and continue to succeed both on and off the court.

"It is always hard to have your season come to an end when you know you are losing a great senior class as we are," Coach Schwob.

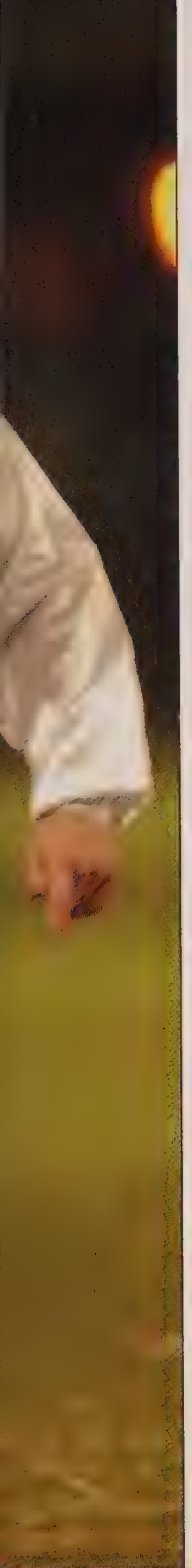
soccer title

The 2004 Navy Women's Soccer team finished the season with an 11-8-1 record. The mids were led up front by 3/C Meggie Curran who had 25 points on the season including 8 goals and 9 assists, and 4/C Brigitte Fox who had 22 points on the season including 8 goals and 6 assists. Navy's defense, commanded by 1/C Xochitl Piedra and anchored in the goal by 1/C Kim Bonafede, helped the mids outscore their opponents 2-1 on the season with a 42-21 goal differential. Receiving honors this year were 4/C Brigitte Fox who was named to the Soccer Buzz Mid-Atlantic All Freshman squad. She was only the 4th player in Navy Women's Soccer history to receive such honors. 1/C Xochitl Piedra also received honors at the end of the season and was placed on the NSCAA All-Mid-Atlantic Region Third Team. She was also placed on the NSCAA Mid-Atlantic Region Second Team last season along teammate Stacey Finley and earned First-Team All-Patriot League kudos all four years at the academy. Accompanying the awards and recognition the Navy Women received for outstanding play on the field, were awards celebrating their accomplishments off the field. Kim Bonafede, Claire Henry, Nicole Waggoner, Haley Crain, Carmen Myers, Keri Weniger, and Emma Hagen rounded out the list of 7 Navy women that garnered Patriot League Academic Honors. Emma Hagen also received honors when she was named to the 2004 ESPN Academic All-America University Division I Women's Soccer Team. Sadly, the year finished with the loss of a former member of the team. Standout forward and all time leader in goals and points, Stacey Finley, passed away in California less than a year after graduating from the Naval Academy after battling meningitis. Stacey's life was celebrated with a memorial service at the Naval Academy which was attended by both past and present teammates and classmates. There are plans to create an appropriate and permanent way to properly remember Stacey at the soccer facility, and it is without a doubt that her legacy will continue to inspire future generations of Navy Women's Soccer players. Continue to succeed Navy Women's Soccer team, and good luck next season.

NAVY
10
HOLY CROSS
13

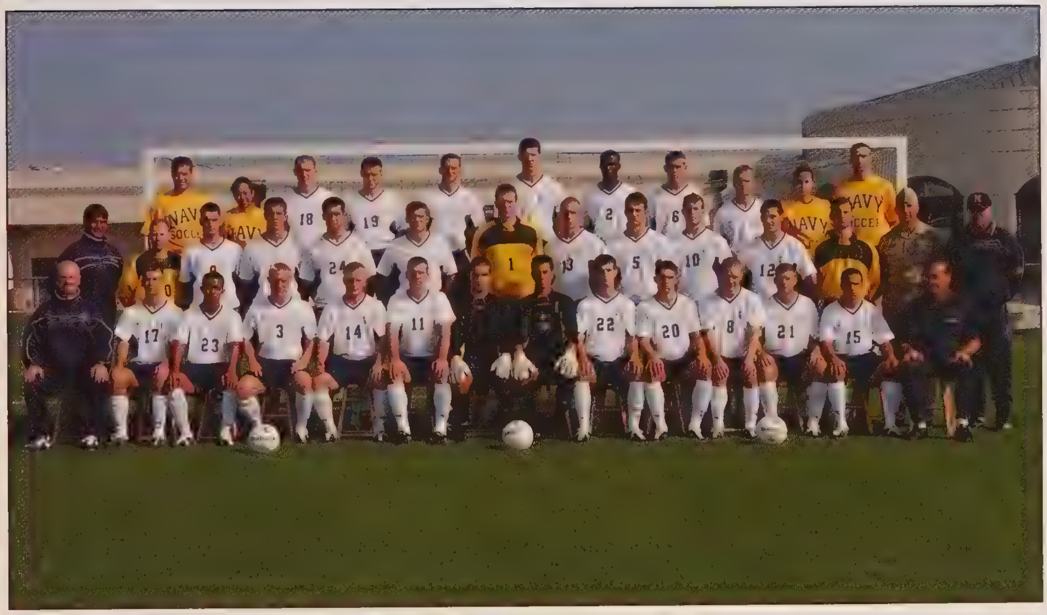
Top Left: 3/C Meggie Curran looks to pass as Holy Cross player, Meighan Kelly, attempts to steal the ball. Curran led the team in goals and assists, accumulating 25 points for the season. Top Middle: Defender 1/C Emma Hagen fends off her opponent while leaping for a header. Top Right: 3/C Kristi Coonfare makes a throw-in during Navy's 8-0 win over The Citadel. Left: 1/C Claire Henry directs her teammates.

Top Left: 3/C Carter Stapleton makes a strong kick in the 5 November 2004 game against Lehigh University. Bottom Left: 4/C Will Riordon strains hard as he makes a throw-in. Right: 2/C Doug Kurz dribbles the ball in a break away in Navy's final game of the season.



soccer title

1/C Frank DiFilippo, the Navy Men's Soccer team captain and sole senior, guided the team through the 2004 Fall season with an incredible display of leadership. At the end of the year Navy posted a 3-10-4 record, but that record doesn't come close to telling the story of their season. Of the 17 games the men played during the fall, 5 of them went to double overtime, and of the 10 losses Navy suffered, 7 of them were by a single goal. Success was at Navy's fingertips and this year's underclass starters will return ready to take on a new season full of experience and confidence. Goalkeeper Frank DiFilippo earned recognition this season as he made the Patriot League All-Second Team honors. DiFilippo posted a 0.97 GAA, an .851 save percentage and a school-record 97 saves. His seven career shutouts also rank him fourth in school history. 6 Navy players, including DiFilippo received Academic Honor Roll Recognition: 2/C Kenan Knieriem, 2/C Dustin Detrick, 2/C Chris Hermeling, 3/C Tom Shelly, and 3/C Scott Urbashich. Congratulations goes out to these players for excelling both off the field as well as on it. The team underwent a coaching transition at the conclusion of this season. Coach Greg Myers stepped down after his 29th season coaching the midshipmen. Myers posted a 232-193-62 record while coaching the midshipmen, placing him 11 wins behind and in second place for the most wins as a Navy coach behind the legendary Glenn Warner. Coach Myers was also 8th on the list of active coaches with career wins at the end of the season. Thanks for all you've done for the program Coach Myers and good luck to you in the future. Replacing Coach Myers for next season will be his assistant, Rich Miranda. Coach Miranda, who has been with the soccer program as the assistant coach for the last 14 years, knows the system and is in an ideal position to become the 4th Navy Men's Soccer head coach. He will have big shoes to fill next year, and the expectations will be high, but he's got a team full of talent and players hungry for a winning season.



hore sailing rifle lacrosse int

water polo

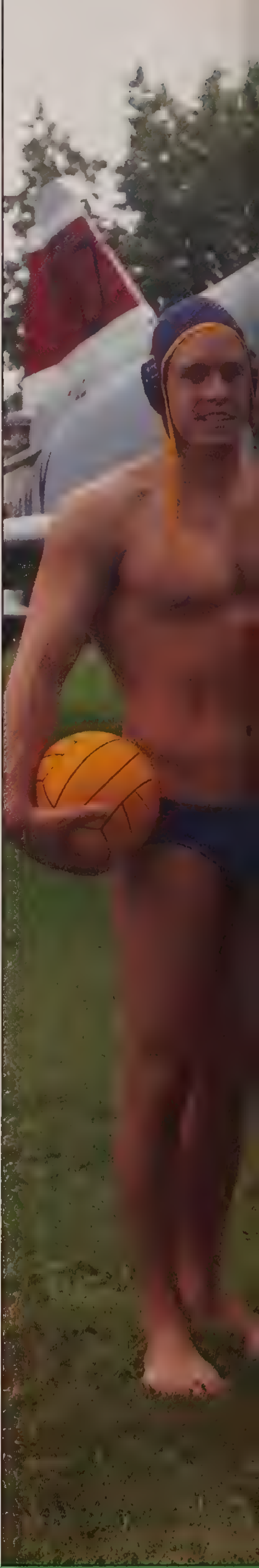
N. They can hear the crowd outside. The fans for water polo might not come out like the football team, but that's only because there would be no room at the pool. **A**. Schofield is talking now. Talking isn't the right word for his advice. **V**. The captain and true leader, Patrick Rollo comes to the front of the team. Humble and quiet, his confidence washes over the team. They trust him. He trusts them. **Y**. They know what to do and step out to the pool.

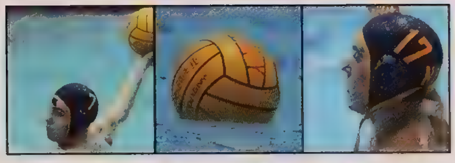
This year Navy Water Polo was a roller-coaster of turns and twists. The season started rough with a grueling opener against three top-ten teams in a row. Navy came out of its opener 0 – 3 but only lost by a combined score of four goals. 2/C Jordan Gentry of San Antonio, TX dominated the pool, leading the team with nine goals, one assist and five steals. Alex Ratcliffe and Patrick Rollo each scored six and five goals in the tournament respectively. Navy finished the Labor Day Open with a thorough bashing of UC Santa Cruz, 8 – 3.

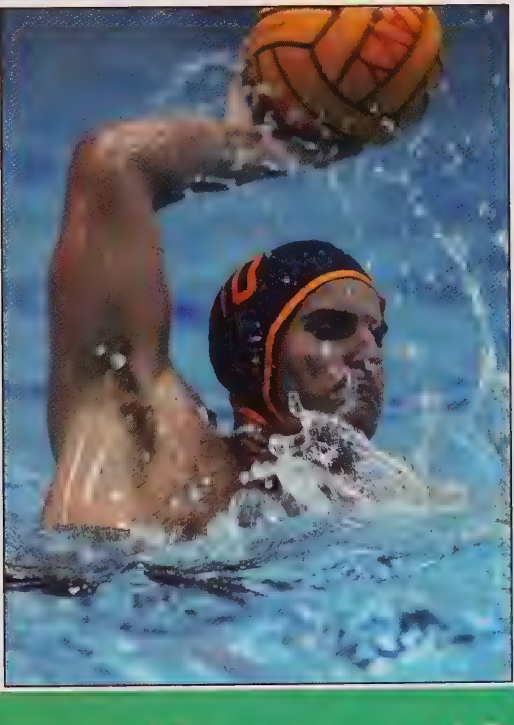
With a record of 1-4, Navy needed to catch some momentum and they were ready to do so in Colorado Springs. Their match against Air Force ended with the scoreboard reading 14-7. Coach Schofield comments, "We finally played from start to finish. We started strong and kept that going until the end." Navy would finish the weekend with two more wins. Army, once again, failed to even show up.

The season would swim by, but not without sweat and hard work. Rollo would be forced out of the water due to a hand injury and the team "was forced to play without one of its star players," a teammate commented. Despite the barrier, Navy went into the Eastern Championship with a winning record of 17-11 that included a four game winning streak in league home games.

Navy ended its season 19 – 12, the 25th straight year that Navy polo has had a winning season with at least nineteen wins, and enough to put Coach Mike Schofield as Navy's all-time winning coach (442-177-1). Though Navy couldn't quite make it to the NCAA Final Four for the second year in a row, there is no doubt that next year the Mids will demonstrate belong that the Final Four is where they belong. With a plethora of skill from upcoming youngsters, ten upcoming firsties and strong recruiting, Navy Water Polo will be the team to watch next year. And for that they can thank the Class of 2005, leading the way, everyday.







ore sailing gymnastics golf

The Navy Spring Football team completed another perfect season with a 6-0 record (4-0 in the CSFL), including 2 wins over perennial rival Army in the Pride Bowl and the N-Star game. In fact, on average Navy dominated its opponents by 30 points, with their largest win of the season coming against Princeton when Navy won by 61 points (77-16) and their narrowest margin of the season against Army in the Pridebowl when Navy won by 16 (31-15).

Surprisingly, one of the stars of the team this season was not a Navy midshipmen. At the helm of the Sprint Football team was the CSFL MVP of the season, quaterback Brian Nagle, an exchange cadet from the Air Force Academy. Supporting Nagle while also earning First Team All League Honors were running backs 1/C Amir Shareef, who led the team with 11 touchdowns and 2/C Jake Owens who led the team in rushing yards with 395 yds on the season and a 6.7 ypc average.

The season resulted in another championship for the Mids, who lost last year to Army in the title game. Congrats Navy Spring Football and good luck next year.

NAVY
2
99
39
21
29
50
77
58
57
82

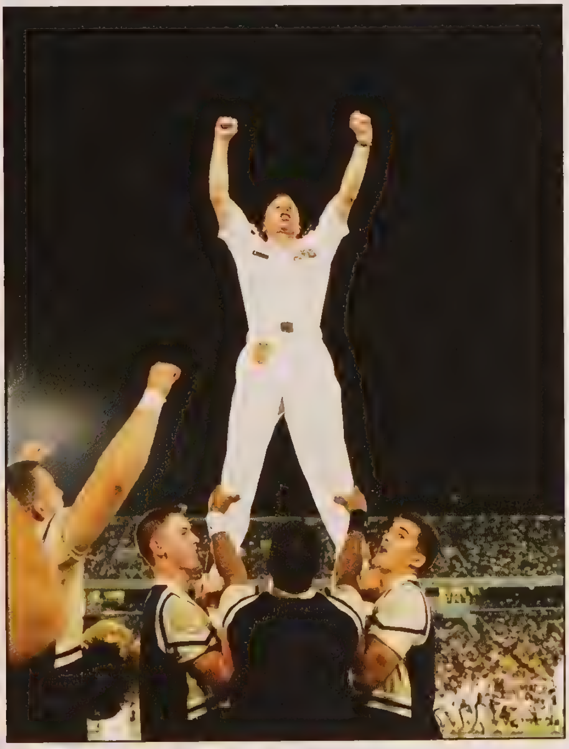
Far Left: The Navy Sprint Football Team with its compliment of coaches. Left Above: 1/C Chris Yost continues to block ahead of the pile. Center: 2/C Brian Nagle (AF Exchange Cadet) takes the snap and drops for the pass. Far Above: 2/C Jake Owens finds time to pose for the Heisman during his run. Above: 2/C Douglas Keel lays the hit on Army's Quarterback.

baseball water polo volley

AIR FORCE
NAVY
48
57
9

NAVY
STAHL
61

Top Left: 1/C Bobby McCLarin, Lane Jackson, and Babantunde Akingbemi are in on an Air Force Tackle. Bottom Left: Navy flooded the stadium in San Francisco for the Emerald Bowl, helping lift the football team to an upset over New Mexico. Center: 1/C Captain and Quarterback Aaron Polanco is lifted high in the air by a pair of his linemen including 1/C Tyson Stahl. Below: Capt. Leidig leads the cheer during a Navy's game against Air Force. Above: 1/C Slotback Frank Divis makes a cut in the open field during the Notre Dame game. 3 Inset pictures from top to bottom: 1/C Justin Strickler gets his sing on during march on for the Duke Game. 1/C Garett Houston leads the crowd during the Rutgets Pep Rally. 1/C Captain and Safety Josh Smith gets the crowd on its feet during the Delaware game.

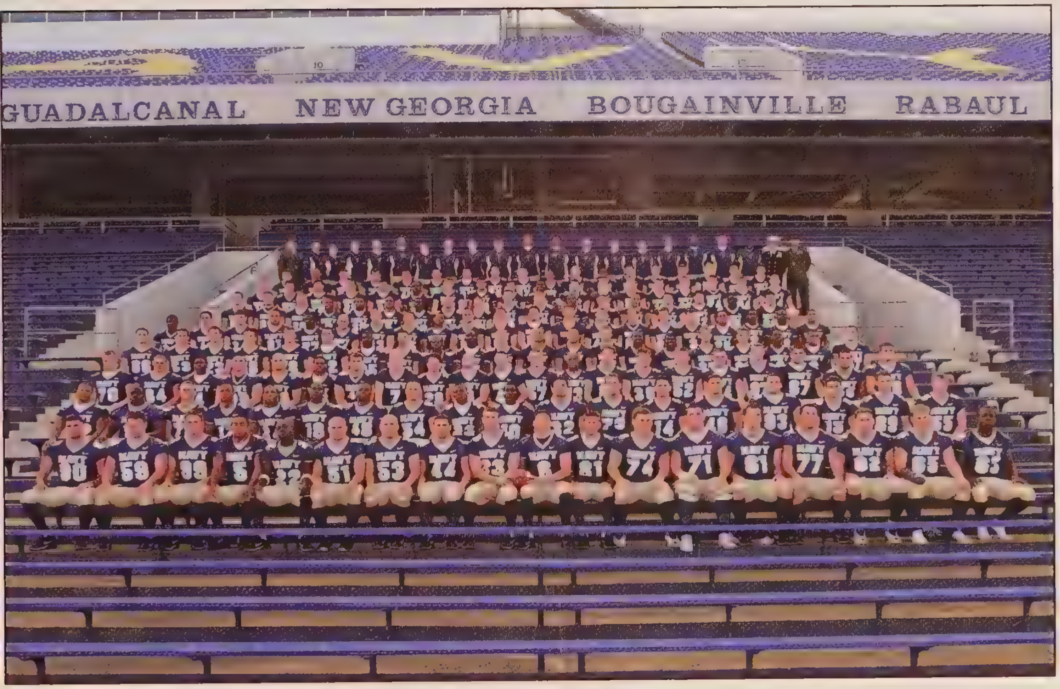


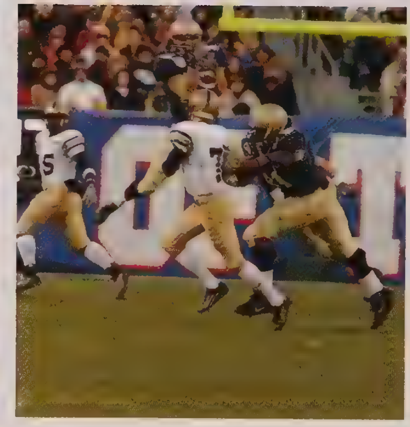
The season was all any midshipmen could have hoped for, especially the first class who still had memories of the winless season we endured as plebes. You brought us along for an awesome ride these last two years Navy Football, and all we can do is truly thank you for making our weekends worthwhile with your effort, and raising our school spirit to levels it had rarely seen before. Who can forget crowding Alumni Hall for the Navy-Air Force game, the way it felt to see Blumenfeld's first fieldgoal of the season cap off a come-from-behind victory in the last seconds of the game over our biggest rival these last two seasons? Or what it was like to flood San Francisco with a few thousand of our brothers and sisters in the middle of winter and then take home a bowl win over a team that was expected to run all over us, while at the same time setting the record for longest offensive drive and most plays in a drive in NCAA football history (26-play, 94-yard, 14:26)? We will never forget the Eckel chants, watching Polanco's long 4th down pass in the Air Force game, or Bobby McClarin's crushing hit in the Army game on a poor receiver sent over the middle. We will always remember what it felt like to win, to be excited, to be united behind a single cause or individual and to bring Navy-Marine Corps stadium to a deafening roar in order to give our team an edge. We will remember your faces, your plays, your runs, your tackles and your celebrations. Above all we will remember what it was like to watch a team that was generally seen as an underdog, work as a group so united in its goal that it never believed it could be defeated and nearly always walked away with a win. And we will learn from all those experiences we were fortunate to share with you and apply them in our lives when necessary. To the departing seniors, we thank you with all our hearts for the memories you gave us, the victories you carried us with you for, and the defeats where you held your heads up high and taught us to grow with dignity even when we fall short. To those returning players we are watching to see how you will rise to fill the shoes of those that have moved on. You are inheriting a proud tradition, and we will all be watching as you take over and continue taking Navy football to new heights in the coming years. Good luck next year Navy Football, and may your victories be as many or more than ours ever were. Go Navy, Beat Everybody!

by Gieorag Andrews

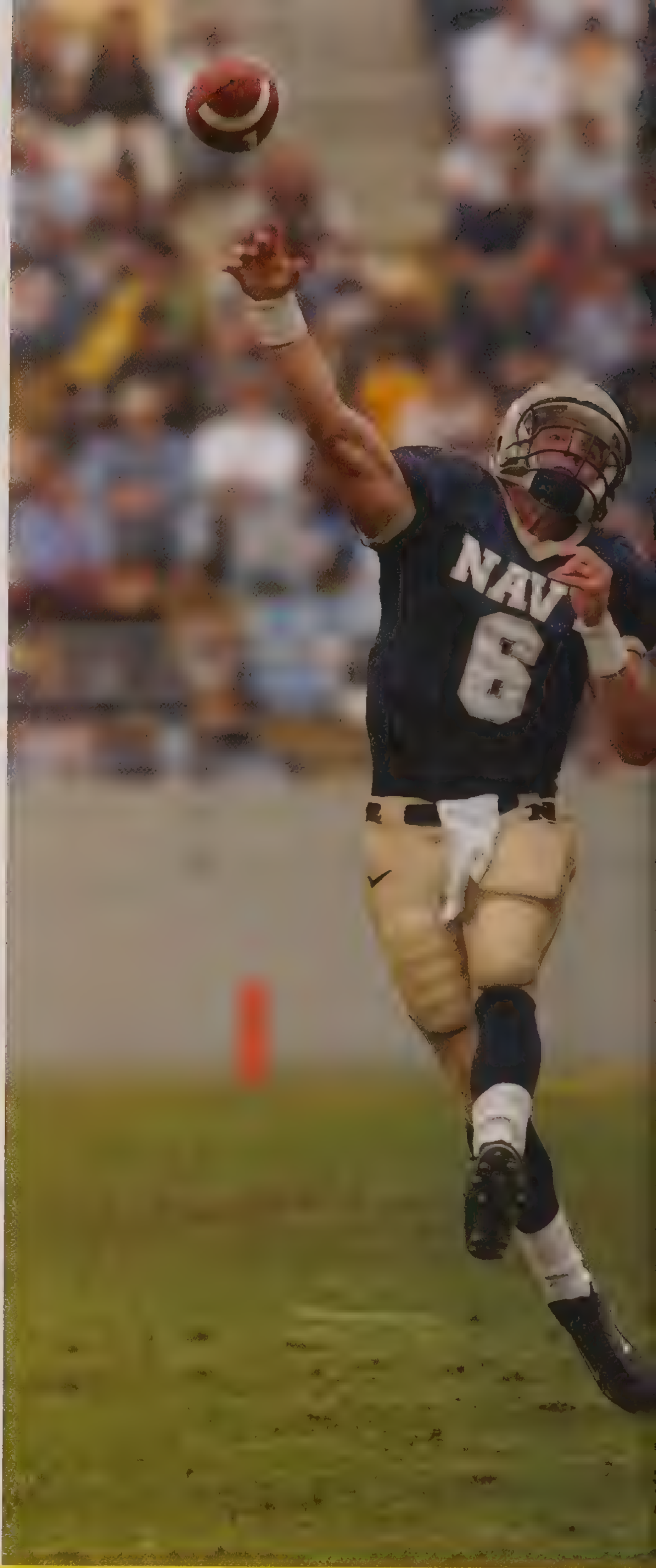
PROTECT THIS HOUSE

Top Left: 1/C Kicker Geoffrey Blumenfeld lines up for a fieldgoal at the end of the Air Force Game. If you can't remember this moment, you're just plain wrong. Left: 1/C Fullback Kyle Eckel smashes through Army's line. Navy took a ride oh his shoulders over the last 2 years, and now he's headed to the New England Patriots. Above: During the Deleware game home spirit really took off. Remember Navy midshipmen, we must always protect this house. Below: The entire 2004 season Navy Football team, coaches, and Officer Representatives. Enjoy those bowl rings guys. 3 inset pictures from top to bottom: Jefferey Adusei gets the crowd going at a pep rally. President Bush is all smiles before the Army Navy Game. Bobby McClarin runs down a poor New Mexico runningback.

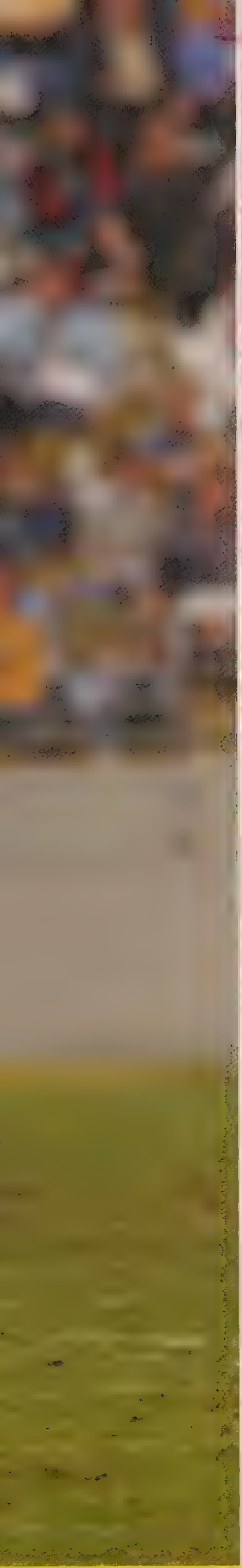




Above: A Navy interception during the Army-Navy hammers another nail into the Army's coffin. Below: Coach Paul Johnson watches from the sideline as Navy sails to another victory. Center: Aaron Polanco releases a long ball after evading what looked like a sure sack. Top right: Marco Nelson makes a spectacular one hand grab against Vanderbilt. Bottom left: #91 smashes #16 of Northeastern. 3 Inset pictures from top to bottom: F-14 flly-over during the Army-Navy Game. The Brigade of Midshipmen making Navy Marine Corps an incredibly difficult place to come away with a win for opposing teams. 4/C doing their push-up following a Navy touchdown during the Vanderbilt game



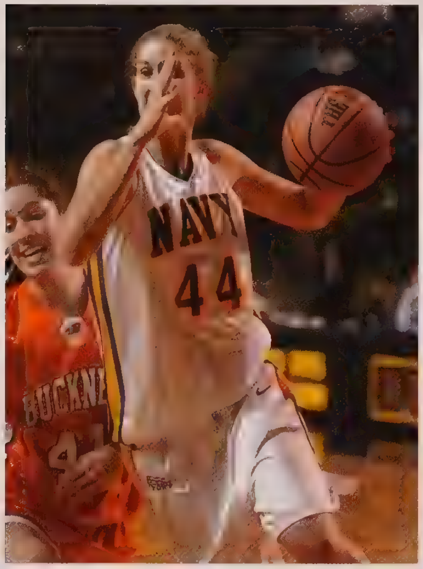
ew **football** basketball base



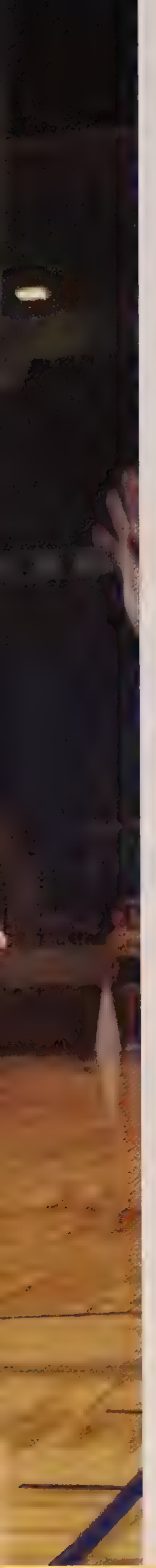
16
NORTHEASTERN

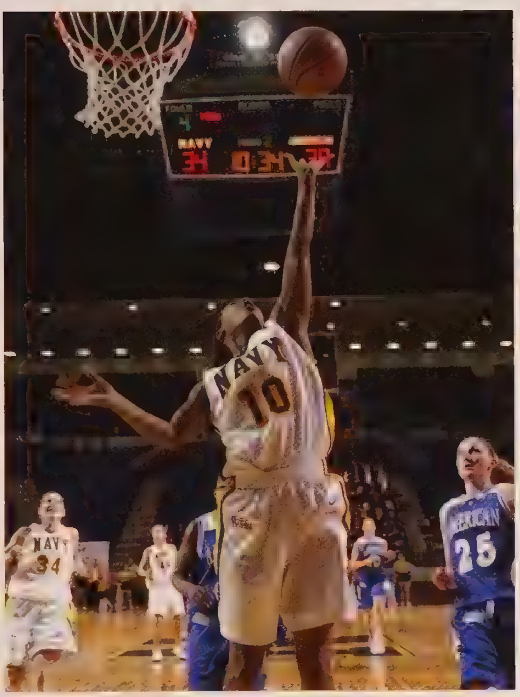
ball wrestling water polo te

Above: NWB sings "Blue and Gold" after beating American. Below: 3/C Kate Hobbs beats a Buknell player to make the shot. on a breakaway. Center: 1/C Abi Campbell takes a shot against Bucknell. Top right: NWB gears up to beat Colgate. Bottom left: 1/C LaTesha Ford tries to bring the Mids 2 points closer to victory over American. Bottom right: Navy and American scuffle trying to get control of the ball. Insets (left to right): The Supe joins 22nd Company to fire up the team. Junior Navy Cheerleaders. 4/C Grady and 4/C Wright from 13th Company Cheer on NWB.



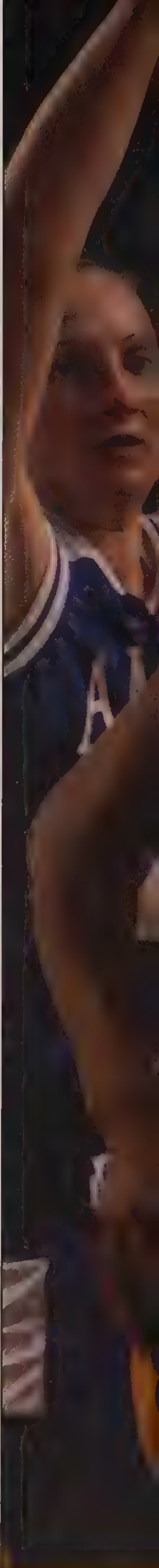
women's basketball




NAVY
10
NAVY
34
AMERICAN
25

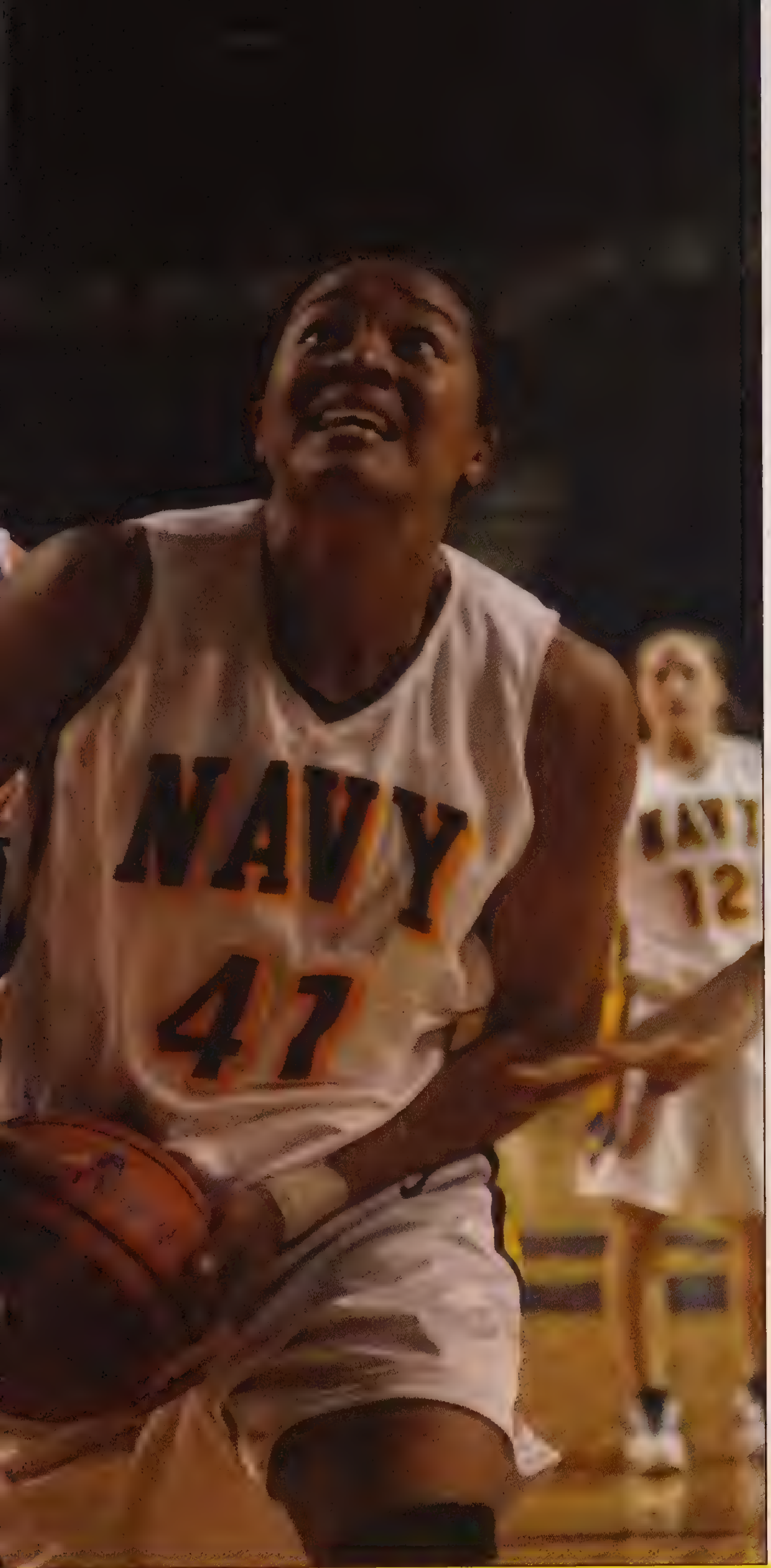
AMERICA
21
25

osse gymnastics golf footb



Top Left: Navy huddles during a quick time out to plan their next attack. Top Right: 2/C Lauren Skrel looks to shoot in Navy's 11 February game against Colgate. Skrel made 26 3-pointers this season. Right: 1/C Nikki Curtis prepares to make a basket. Curtis lead the team with 203 rebounds.

women's basketball



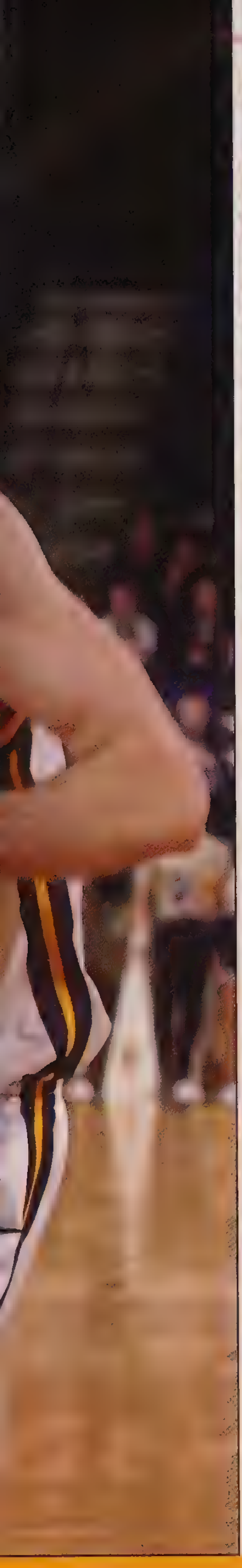
basketball

The 2004-2005 Women's Varsity Basketball team accomplished a great deal by the time they finished the season with a quarterfinal victory in the Patriot League Tournament. Ending the season with an 11-18 record, including a 6-8 posting within the Patriot League itself, the women improved from their previous season. Record wise, they may have been about the same, but they did make it farther in the playoffs than in previous years. The season started out a bit slow, as Navy travelled to California and dropped their first two against Cal Poly and Cal. However, the women came charging back with a win in their first home game over Troy College. The rest of the season continued in this pattern. The women beat American 3 times this season, including their season ending home game and then a few days later in Worcester, MA where they beat American in the first round of the Patriot League Tournament. 1/C Nikki Curtis garnered Patriot League honors and was placed on the Second Team All-Patriot League for ranking among the top league forwards in scoring and rebounding. The seniors leaving the team will be sorely missed, but there is plenty of upcoming talent for 1/C Ashley Pelzek to lead when she captains the team throughout the 2005-2006 season. Good luck Navy Women, and may you continue to improve on years past.

fresh start

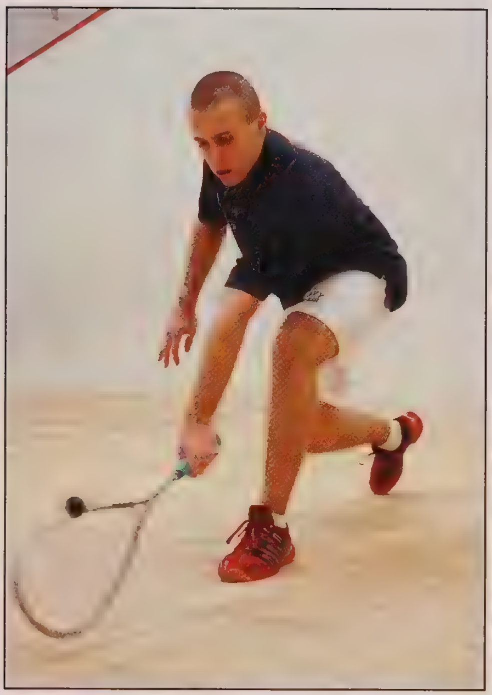
Navy Men's Basketball opened the season for the first time in over a decade with a new head coach. Formerly the assistant coach at Villanova, Billy Lange brought with his fresh, young face a new approach. Other aspects of Navy Basketball changed as the Patriot League implemented a "hybrid" weekend featuring a Friday-Sunday format; signalling an end to men's and women's doubleheaders. The men played at home while the women played the same school on the road or vice versa. All the changes might have distracted any other team, but men's basketball had their sights set on a successful season.

Navy posted a season record of 9-19 and chronicled several accomplishments. The team ranked among the country's top 100 in steals (No. 37) and rebounds (No. 42). 4/C Corey Johnson was No. 2 in the Patriot League for steals, and 2/C Matt Fannin was 1st for offensive rebounds. Johnson became the 14th player in Navy history to score 200 points in his rookie season, while 1/C Taj Mathews led the Patriot League with an 11.2 scoring average. Several players reached or came close to milestone marks in scoring totals including Fannin, Mathews, 1/C Laramie Mergerson, and 1/C George O'Garro. It seemed Coach Lange's new beginning turned around Navy Men's Basketball.



Bottom Left: 4/C Corey Johnson makes a move for the basket. Left: 2/C David Hooper, Navy guard, looks towards the basket in the 6 February game against Army. Hooper has made over 41 3-pointers throughout his time at Navy. Top Left: Guard, 1/C Taj Mathews keeps the ball away from Colgate's Alex Woodhouse in Navy's 82-71 victory. Top Right: Navy Men's Basketball proudly displays their trophy having won the N-Star game 84-69. After losing to Army last year by just two points, Navy was thrilled to bring home the award. Above: Navy Basketball jokes around as they pose for team photos.

men's basketball



Quote: "We play smart, we are in good shape and we never give up. Those three things make us hard to beat."
1/C Gavin Morrison

Welcome!
Alumni
uash Team

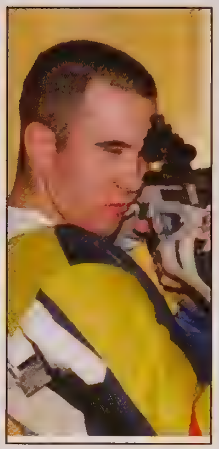
lleyball track tennis swimmin

Hard to Beat

The 2004-2005 men's squash entered the year with high hopes and bold goals. Following a 15th place finish at the 2004 Nationals, the team set goals to move up in the rankings by the end of the season.

The team was led by a group of four seniors, captain Gavin Morrison, a crafty, seasoned player; Mike Brennan, the gritty southpaw; the fast and athletic Mike Rogers and Luke Koran, the disciplined technician. The four set the pace for the team even before the season began. In order to shake-up the routine in the pre-season and to increase mental concentration and flexibility, the team had ten yoga sessions with a private instructor. Not only did the yoga help the team's flexibility, it also helped the team bond through a shared experience. Two highly-touted recruits joined the Navy team as well, freshmen Tucker George and Jeff Sawin. Both products of strong prep-school programs and junior squash, the two made an immediate impact on the Navy lineup, with George winning the coveted USS Barb Squash Racquets Perpeual Trophy, the first plebe to do so in its 48-year history. George held the number one spot on the ladder while Sawin played at the three spot. Juniors Scott Hackman, Patrick Kruse and Dhruv Parashar provided depth and experience while Sophomores Tom Kiernan and Phil Jenkins and Freshman Will "Bob" Eucker provided additional depth to the team.

The season began on a high note as the team started off 9-1, with a win over 11th ranked Hobart and wins in their first seven matches. The team then jumped out to a 17-3 record and a number 10 ranking in the College Squash Association by the end of January. The team knocked off Bates College and took a 11th seed into the National Team Tournament. After stumbling against a tough Amherst squad, the four Navy seniors led the team to a 7-2 victory over Bowdoin College and finished the season ranked 14th in the nation. The team set a school record with 24 victories and a 24-7 overall record, including 12-0 at home. Luke Koran and Mike Rogers were recognized by the CSA as scholar-athletes and Tucker George and Gavin Morrison ended the season by individually ranking 41st and 62nd, respectively.



Right: Freshman Nicholas Hogberg and three-time member of the President's Top 100 National junior shooters. Center Right: Naval Academy Rifle Team poses on the steps of T-Court. Far Right: Freshman James Greene who competed at the National Junior ROTC Championship and the Junior Olympics, placing second at the Junior ROTC event. Bottom Right: Freshman Monica Amagna who has competed in the Junior Olympics the last 3 years. Bottom Middle: Luke Marion competed on a club team in highschool winning state his senior year. Below: Christina Schade lettered on varsity rifle all 4 years of high school and competed in National Junior Olympic Shoot Off.

The Naval Academy Rifle Team finished the season with a perfect 14-0 record, including a stunning upset over the #1 ranked team in the country, Alaska-Fairbanks. Leading this year's team were seniors Matt Albright, Iain MacLeod, Mike Miller, and Kevin Wilson. These leaders took the Navy rifle team to one of its most successful seasons in school history with a MAC Championship followed by a fifth-place finish at NCAA Championships. Earning honors this season were Matt Albright (Shelton, Conn.) who earned first-team All-America smallbore and first-team All-America air rifle honors. Albright also earned first-team All-MAC honors in both disciplines. He was joined on the All-America team by Sarah Bergman (Fort Mill, S.C.), who earned second-team All-America recognition in air rifle. She was also an All-MAC performer in both disciplines. Mike Miller (Albuquerque, N.M.) and Chris Schneider (Fort Mill, S.C.) earned honorable mention All-America recognition in smallbore and air rifle, respectively. The duo also garnered three first-team All-MAC accolades. Lastly, Kevin Wilson (Freeport, N.Y.) earned honorable mention All-MAC smallbore honors. Though the team will be losing the seniors next year, head coach Bill Kelley has some outstanding young shooters on the squad. Six shooters that gained All-MAC honors in air rifle and five more that earned All-Conference smallbore honors will be back. It looks like we can expect another dominating performance from the team next year. Good luck Navy Rifle Team.

Top Middle: The Navy Women having fun like they always seem to do. Here the seniors are suspended in midair above an outdoor pool at one of their competitions. Directly Above: Tori Throckmorton and Shawna Egan are all smiles as the relax in their second home, under water. Far Right: The Navy women's swom team in Lejeune Hall complete with coaches and officer reps.

Hard Work

The Navy Women's swim team enjoyed another successful season as they closed the year with a 10-3 record. The year started with the Potomac Relay Invitational, a good warm-up because scores are not recorded. From there the team brought home 10 straight victories, most of them at home in Lejeune Hall. In addition to the victories at home, they dominated Army on it's own waters at West Point in December. The end of the regular season was capped by 3 tough losses to Yale, Penn, and Richmond, but those defeats only served to push the women harder as they competed in the Patriot League Tournament. The tournament took place in Lewisburg, PA in February, and after the first day of competition the Navy Women found themselves in second place thanks to a second place finish in the 200m freestyle relay, second and fourth place finishes by Jenn Windstein and Meakin Poor in the 500-yard freestyle. 3/C Aubra Thomas picked up Navy's first championship of the weekend winning the 200-yard Individual Medley. The women started the second day of competition carried on the shoulders of 1/C Tori Throckmorton who won her fourth-straight Patriot League 100-yard butterfly title. 3/C Thomas won her second-straight 100-yard breastroke title. The Midshipmen closed the weekend by winning the 400-yard freestyle relay with a time of 3:26.99. Navy's foursome of Freeburn, Rachel Gray, Thomas and Throckmorton won the event by nearly four seconds and set a new Navy, Patriot League and Patriot League Championship record by nearly two seconds. "That was a huge way to end the championship," said Navy head coach John Morrison. "That is always the toughest event of the championship. Everyone is so exhausted by the time it rolls around, but our girls were determined to win it and they did so in a way everyone will remember them."

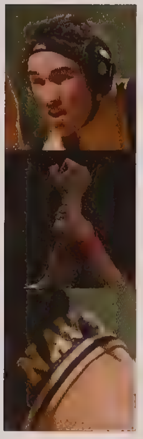
"That was a huge way to end the championship!"
Coach John Morrison

Accompanying their incredible skill in the water, the cheer oriented attitude of the Navy men's swim and diving team helped them to their 2nd straight Patriot League championship. In fact, the thundering crowd in Lejeune Hall during the League Championships helped Navy overcome two teams had previously beaten them in regular season meets. The men also astounded their coaches with their performance during their championships. "This was our best day in our two years of competing at the Patriot League Championship," said Navy men's head coach Bill Roberts. By the end of the weekend Coach Roberts had this to say, "Competing as a team was what led us to the victory. The guys were united long before they arrived at the championship, then worked hard all weekend and just kept getting faster in each session." Congrats on another successful season Navy Men's swimming and diving team!

men's swimming

"This was our best day in our two years of competing at the Patriot League Championship," Head Coach Bill Roberts

dominate



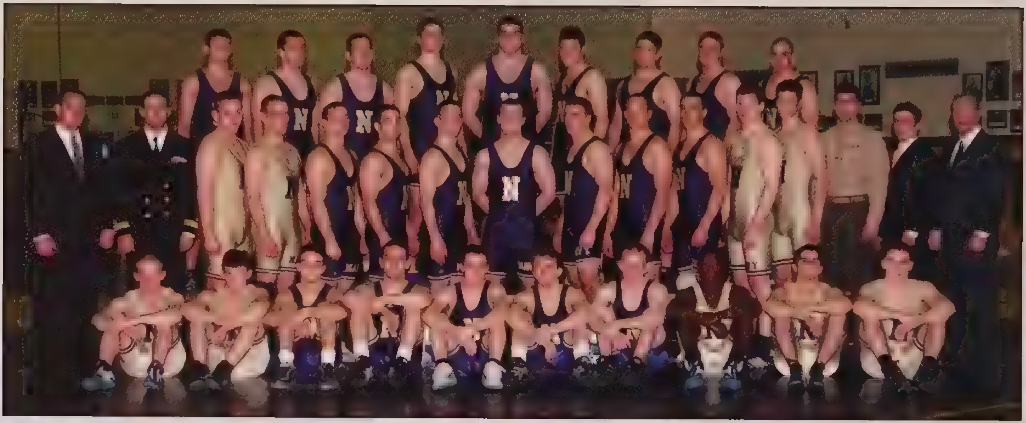
The year started out well for the Midshipmen as they won their first five matches and finished first out of eight teams at their Navy Classic Wrestling Meet. The men then dropped two tough meets against national powerhouses Nebraska and Oklahoma before returning home to beat Maryland.

Following the Maryland match the Mids faced Lehigh at home which was a tough loss and their only loss in their conference. But after Lehigh the Mids got back on a roll finishing the season with 6 straight wins and a first place finish out of 8 teams at the All Academy Championship. The last of those 6 wins, and their final match of the season, was the N-star match against Army, resulting in a 23-10 thumping of the Black Knights.

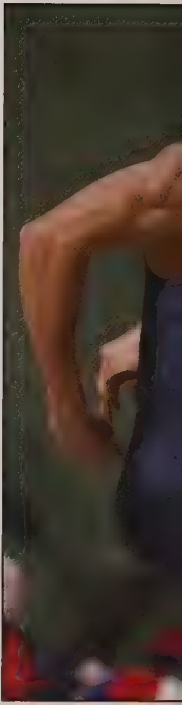
Following the regular season the Mids competed in the EIWA championships which hosted. At the end of the weekend, Navy finished 3rd out of 13 teams behind Lehigh who won its 4th straight championship and Cornell. However, the Mids did managed to advance 6 wrestlers to the NCAA championships. Navy head choach Bruce Burnett had this to say about his team following the EIWA Championships:

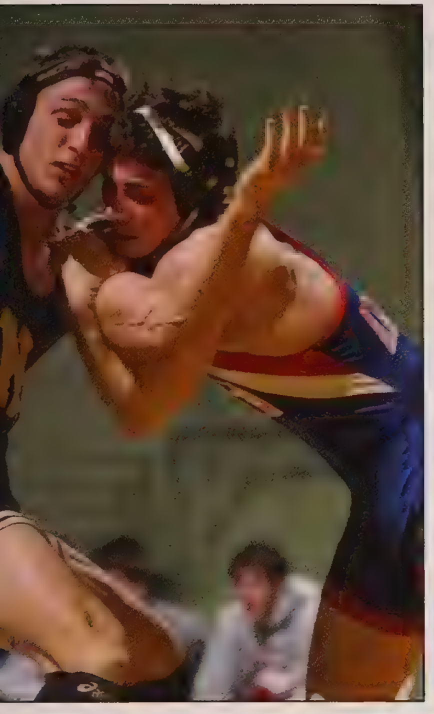
“I am just so proud of our kids the way they battled this weekend,” said Navy head coach Bruce Burnett. “We competed hard at every weight class and gave a great effort in every match. I would like to recognize the six seniors that provided great leadership all year long and really helped give us a building block to where we want to go.”

The six qualifying mids then travelled to St. Louis to compete in the NCAA championships. At the end of the weekend they finished tied for 33rd in the country, a big step forward from the previous year.



“I would like to recognize the six seniors that provided great leadership all year long and really helped give us a building block to where we want to go.” Head Coach Bruce Burnett



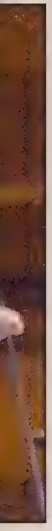


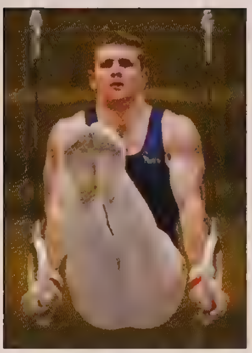
Far Left: The Navy Wrestling Team poses with its full assortment of coaches and officer representatives. Left: 1/C Nate Gulush has positive control of his Delaware opponent. Top Center: 1/C Nate Gulosh is in the grapple with an American opponent before either of them go for the takedown. Top Right: 2/C Tanner Garrett has control of his American opponent as they do a restart just after he completed a successful takedown. Above: More footage from the Navy-American Match.

Men's Gymnastics

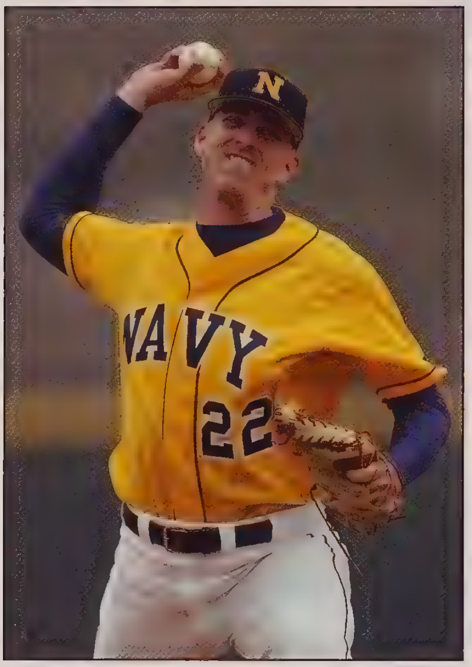
Although the Navy Men's Gymnastics team finished the season with a record of 7-7, there were many highlights and achievements. Team Captain Josh Blackman, ranked 18th in the Nation and teammate 2/C Ben Peterman ranked 19th. Both advanced to the NCAA qualifying rounds for the individual all-around competition. 3/C Sean Blackman also made a trip to the NCAAs competing in the rings event and finished the year ranked 24th. Accompanying Peterman and the Blackmans to NCAAs were 2/C Grant Regelin, 4/C Christopher Tam, and 4/C Brandon Cook. Of all the competitors it was 4/C Cook who managed to advance to the NCAA individual finals in the Floor Exercise. Although he didn't make top 10, it was quite the accomplishment for his first year of Division I competition. The team as a whole also competed well on the season, finishing 15th in the country, and closing out with a 2nd place finish in the USA Championships. Head Coach Sho Fukushima earned Coach of the Year Honors, his 5th time receiving the award. 4/C Ben Cook earned Champion of the Meet honors at the USA Championships after winning the floor exercise, placing 2nd on the vault, and 8th on the pommel horse. The Blackman brothers also finished 1st and 2nd on the rings, with Sean edging out his older brother for the win. A pair of 2/C also earned 2nd Place finishes with Ben Peterson finishing 2nd on the high bar and Grant Regelina finishing 2nd on the parallel bars. With plenty of young talent coming up, its safe to assume we will continue to see improvement from the Men's Gymnastics team.

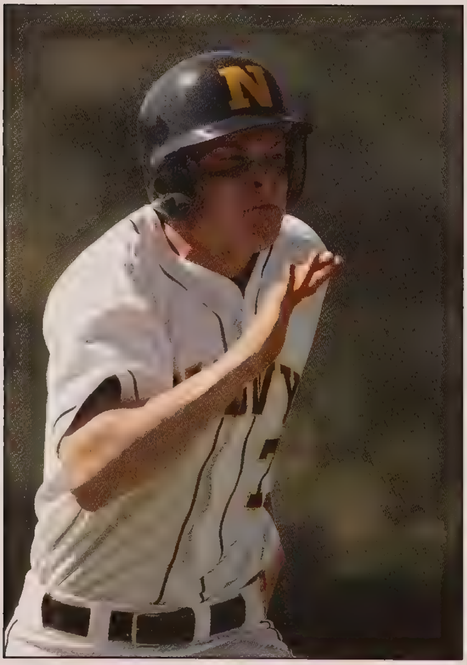
Legacy





Left: The Men's Gymnastics Team with Coach of the Year Sho Fukushima. Top Left: 2/C Ben Peterman on the Rings. Top Middle: 1/C Josh Blackman, winner of 5 individual all around championships is on the rings. Top Right: 3/C Sean Blackman, younger brother of the team Captain Josh, is on the rings. He finished the season ranked 24th in the country for the event and won the rings title at ECAC championships.





estling **baseball** water polo

The 2004-2005 Navy Baseball team will sorely miss the group of seniors leaving after this season. 1/C Trevor Thompson received nearly every honor available to a Navy Baseball Player, including Patriot League Scholar of the Year, ESPN The Magazine Academic All American, and Patriot League Male Scholar Athlete of the Year to go along with his Second Team All Patriot League recognition for his play on the field. 1/C Matt Lukevics also set some Navy records in his time at the Academy including most games played by a Navy Baseball Player. 1/C Jeff Lange also excelled on the mound, finishing tied with most innings pitched (52 & 2/3) while posting the lowest ERA on the team (3.99). 1/C Tom Van Dam was the most called on pitcher this season with 18 appearances and 15 strikeouts during his span of 32 innings on the mound. Finally 1/C Doug Silverman finished the year with a .240 hitting percentage while playing in over half of Navy's games. The players coming up behind this talented group of seniors, combined with the new coach Navy has brought in for next season, Paul Kostacopoulos, should see continued improvement as the new year gets started. Good luck Navy Baseball, and good luck to the graduates.

"Our five seniors all had great careers here on and off the field. I know that all of them will be very successful as officers in the Navy. They all are highly respected by their teammates and are great leaders."
Head Coach Steve Whitmyer

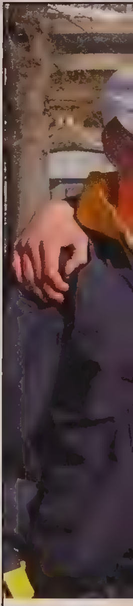
Top Left: 1/C Jeff Lange starts his follow through while pitching against BC. Bottom Left: 4/C Thomas Hamilton sprints home in Navy's 11-0 win against Bucknell. Center: 1/C Matt Lukevics rounds first awaiting a throw from a Boston College player. Above: Navy Baseball's firsties pose. Bottom Left: 3/C James Lee, first baseman, makes a move to field the ball. Bottom Right: 3/C Burgess Nichols fires the ball towards home plate.

NAVY
CREW
NAVY
CREW

Top Left: The team is headed out to get some practice. Top Right: One of the Varsity Heavyweight boats heading back to the boathouse after a tough day of practice. Bottom Left: Navy's Varsity 8 takes their boat out for a race. Bottom Right: The team poses for a picture in front of the Boathouse. Top 3 insets: Drew Bishop Pulls hard, the boathouse, Coach Clothier out on the water.

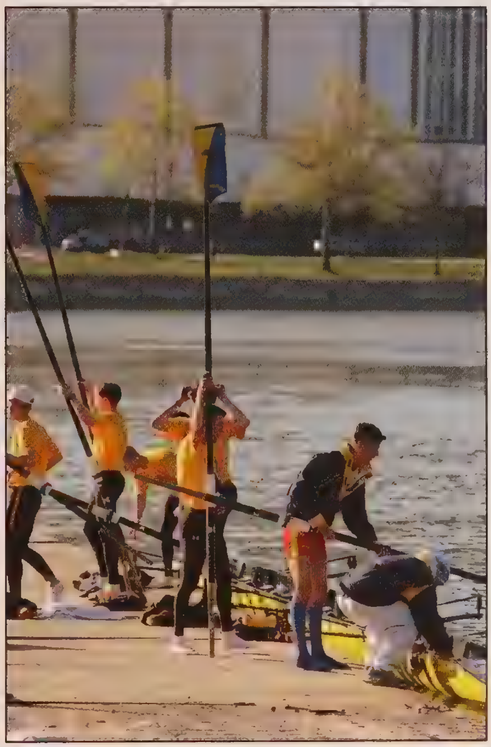
By season's end the Navy Crew Team placed fifth at the Intercollegiate Rowing Association National Championship. This year's heavyweight team, led by 1/C Hulsebos, MacDougall, Melander, Palmer, Powell, Rigler, and Whitmire, went on to a 15-5 record and finished 8th at Nationals. The team started out well winning the 2004 Navy Day Regatta. Navy's success would continue, with a 3rd and 2nd place finish in their next two Regattas. Following a loss to Princeton, Navy placed 4th in the San Diego Crew Classic and then won the George Washington Invitational. Next was a tough loss to top ranked Harvard, after which Navy travelled to Mercer County, N.J. and won the Stevenson Trophy over Columbia. Navy next headed to Eastern Sprints, finishing 7th out of 17. The year finished with a trip to the IRA National Championships. Navy's varsity squads started out strong sending 5 of 8 boats to the semifinals after the first day of competition. Following the semifinal round, Navy's Varsity Heavyweight four team advanced to the Grand Championship while the other four boats made it to Petite Championships. By the end of the weekend the Heavyweight team had finished 8th overall, while Navy as a team had finished 5th. Congratulations on a successful season Heavyweight Crew and good luck next year.

e heavyweight crew sprint f



ootball **lightweight crew** swi

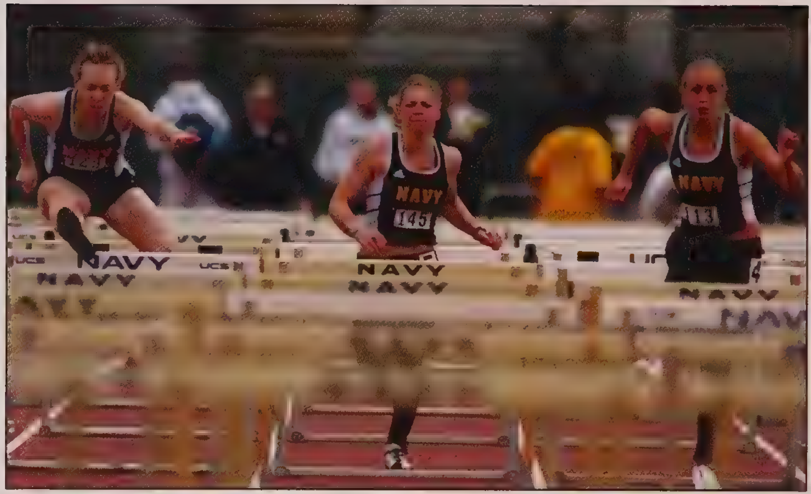
This year's Lightweight Crew Team had a tough act to follow after finishing 18-0 last season and winning a National Championship, but they started things out right. The Lightweight team dominated in its first 6 races of the season only to fall to Harvard, the 2nd ranked team in the nation, by 5 seconds in the race for the Haines Cup. However, the Mids bounced back, continuing to dominate for the rest of the season. They went on to finish second overall at Eastern Sprints with only one boat failing to obtain a medal out of the 5 they took. The Lightweight team then went on to IRA Nationals to conclude their season. The varsity boat would finish 2nd during their semifinal heat trailing Harvard by 4 seconds. That boat then went on to finish 6th in the final. The team was disappointed with 6th after losing only 1 race during the regular season, but they plan on continuing to work hard and perform even better next season. Good luck Navy Lightweight Crew Team!



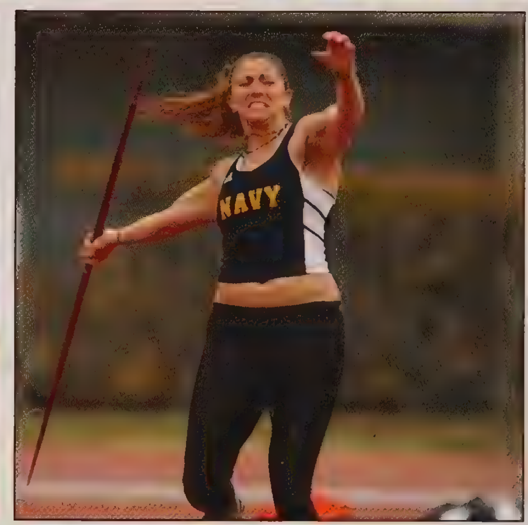
“We are not just holding our own, we are improving as a program.” Head Coach Mike Hughes

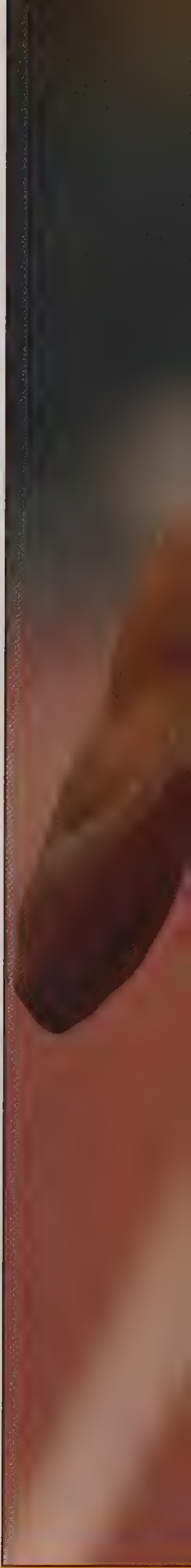
The 2004-2005 Season started out well for the Women's crew team as they headed to Philadelphia for the Navy Day Regatta and finished first out of all competitors. From there the women travelled to Boston for the Head of the Charles, again performing well, and then back to Philadelphia for the Head of the Schuylkill where the women finished 2nd out of 21 teams. The fall Varsity season then came to a close, as the women competed in Princeton, N.J. finished 17th out of 46 teams. The spring season started again in Philadelphia with the varsity boats finishing second of eight teams at the Murphy Cup. Returning home for their next race, the women again finished 2nd while hosting Boston U., GWU, and Georgetown. The season closed with the Inaugural Patriot League Championships in Worcester, MA which the women won. Thanks to fantastic season, Coach Hughes earned Coach of the Year honors.

Right: Three of the Navy Women running hurdles at Ingram Field. Far Right: Captain 1/C Tinesha Davis running one of her sprints. Below: The Navy Women again in the lead during a long distance race. Below Middle: 2/C Mary Nell winds up for a Javelin Toss. Far Below: The Navy Women's 2004-2005 Track and Field Team.


NAVY
145
NAVY
13
NAVY
NAVY

NAVY
127
26
NAVY
105



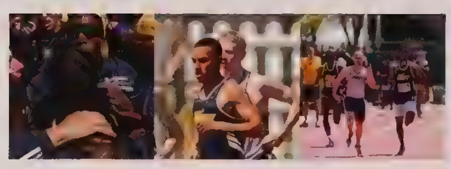


women's outdoor track

Grace & Speed

The Women's Outdoor Track and Field Team, captained by 1/C Tinesha Davis, finished a superb season with a 5-0 record including an N-Star win in April. Starting the Outdoor Season in March, Navy finished first out of five teams with a home opener at Ingram Field. This win included six individual victories, and according to head coach Carla Criste, was a great way for the team to begin their outdoor season. Following their home opener, Navy sent some team members to Charlotte for an Invitational tournament. Davis lead the way at this meet finishing 3rd in the 400m. Navy's highest finish of the day was 3/C Erin Demchko, who placed second in the 3000m. Navy then hit the road to claim the Delaware Invitational Crown beating 4 other teams to win the Invitational Championship. The day was highlighted by 3/C Lori Forsythe who swept the gold in both the 100m and 200m. The women finished off the season at the Patriot League Outdoor Championship. The Navy women finished 3rd out of 8 teams, with a key performance by 1/C Tinesha Davis who claimed the gold in the 400m and anchored a victorious 4x400m relay team. Davis won her second Athlete of the Meet award. Navy then sent a few competitors to the ECAC Championships. Three of the Navy women received honors by finishing in the top 8. 1/C Tinesha Davis finished 4th in the 400m, 3/C Lori Forsythe finished 6th in the 100m, and 3/C Danielle Still finished seventh in the Javelin Toss.

"It was exciting to see so many of our runners do so well." Head Coach Carla Criste



The Navy Men's Outdoor Track and Field team, captained by 1/C Ralph Lufkin, finished the Outdoor Season with a perfect 8-0 record. The outdoor season started out where the indoor left off as Navy traveled to San Diego, CA to compete in the Pt. Loma Invite. Here Navy placed 1st out of 5 teams, with 11 individuals and 1 relay team finishing first. The Midshipmen were dominant in the field events, capturing 6 of the titles. 3/C Stephen White won the high jump, 3/C Cameron Lindsay won the triple jump, and 1/C Adriel Morgan won the long Jump.

Another of the day's highlights came when 1/C Trevis Rainey won the 100m hurdles edging out his brother, 3/C Travis Rainey by 5 hundredths of a second. Following San Diego, Navy returned home to host a meet at Ingram Field. Navy finished first of 4 teams, and went on to compete in two individual meets before returning home to host Army in their N-Star Match.

This time the match finished in dramatic fashion as it came down to the final event. The Navy men edged out Army by winning the 4x400m relay to capture the win 102-100. Led by 1/C Ralph Lufkin who finished first in the hammer toss, eight Mids claimed gold on the afternoon. This meet concluded Navy's regular season as the men improved to 8-0.

From Annapolis the men would travel to Easton, PA to compete in the Patriot League Championships where they finished 2nd. Following the meet the men continued on to Princeton, NJ to compete again in the IC4A Championships. Here the men finished 19th out of 47 teams, concluding another successful season.

The seniors departing the team will be missed, but there is plenty of talent from the rising underclass. Good luck next season Navy Men's Outdoor Track and Field, and keep working hard.

Left: 4/C Bo Fisher takes off on a pole vault attempt. Right: 1/C Trevis Rainey leads the hurdles race. Below Center: 1/C Adriel Morgan soars on a long jump attempt. Below Right: One of Navy's high jumpers clears his mark. Far Below: The Navy team gathers after successfully beating Army in the N-Star match 102-100. Captain 1/C Ralph Lufkin stands out front in the yellow shirt while the team loooks on and celebrates.

596
NAVY
UCS
UCS
NAVY

all men's outdoor track cre

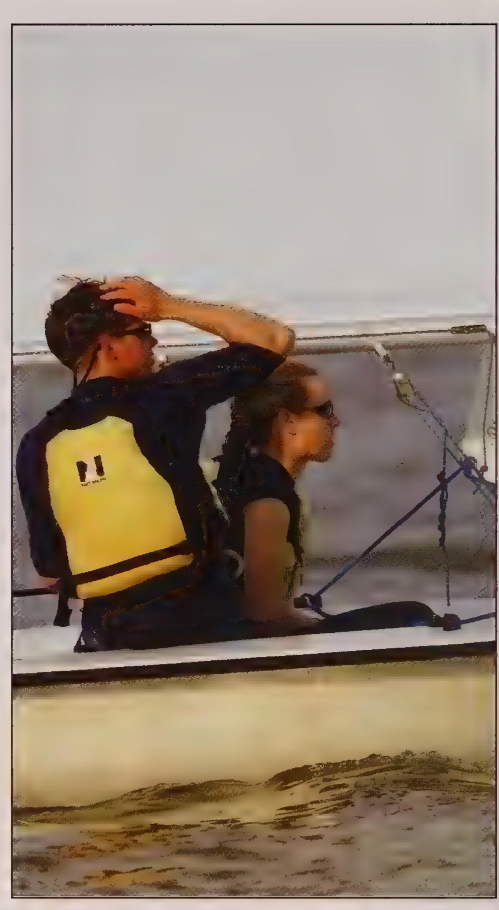
Far Far Right Top: The Navy Men's Tennis team poses. Far Right: 4/C Alex James brings the racket way back for a serve during practice. Right: 4/C Billy Griffin gets ready for the backhand in Navy's match against Oklahoma. Below: Doing the forehand and the fist pump at the same time is a time honored practice of Navy Tennis players during their practice sessions. Below Right: 4/C Ashton Goldman gets ready for a forehand during practice.

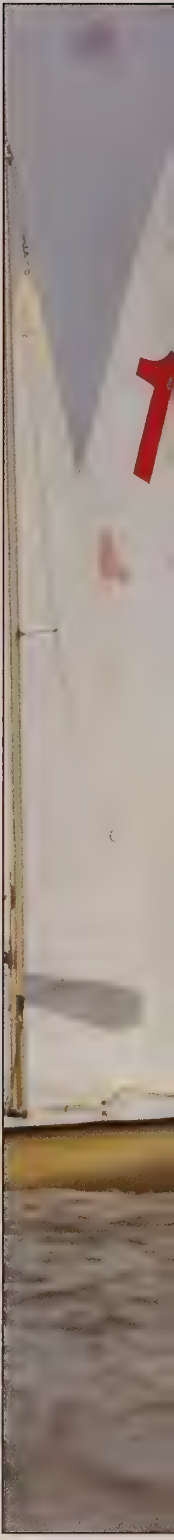
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY
NAVY
N TENNIS

The Men's Tennis team finished with another winning season, ending the year with a 13-11 record including a 4-2 finish within the Patriot League. There were many bright spots to highlight the season, including some excellent individual performances. The season started out with the Navy Invitational where Navy faced two big guns at home, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Although Navy managed to win only one match in that opening weekend, they managed to keep things close in every match of the day. The next two weekends saw the men competing at UNC and Old Dominion. At UNC Navy won 11 of its 18 matches, and came close to winning 5 others. 1/C Davy Lee demonstrated the determination of the Navy team by coming back to win two matches late in the weekend after dropping his first match. The next week at Old Dominion it was 1/C Lee again leading Navy to a strong performance, making it to the finals of the tournament in his flight. The team, as a whole, finished 17-13, bringing smiles to Head Coach John Officer's face. Navy proceeded into its regular season play by winning 8 of their first 10 matches. They fought through a tough mid-season series of losses, losing 6. 2 of the losses were decided by a single match. The team finished strong winning 5 of their last 7. Navy's season ended in the semifinal round of the Patriot League tournament with a heartbreaking loss to Army that couldn't have been closer. But the team is full of young talent. When the team returns next year, many of those rising players will have tons of experience to build upon. Good luck next season Navy tennis.

5
3
USNA
USNA
3
6

Navy's Intercollegiate Sailing enjoyed another successful season. Returning for his second season with the Midshipmen, Head Coach Gavin O'Hare continued his successes. By season's end the Women's team had qualified for Nationals, and earlier in the year the Co-Ed team qualified for sloop nationals after placing 2nd at the MAISA Sloop Qualifier. Coach O'Hare also managed to compete himself at season's end, leading Team USA to a World Military Sailing Championship off the Coast of France, the first Gold Medal for the Armed Forces this year. The 1/C leadership on the team was a key part of why the team was so successful this last season. Excelling both in and out of the water, 1/C Stephen Gay, Don Lunaria, Monica Meese, and Nick Van Wagoner set an example for the rest of the team. All four individuals were strong competitors throughout the season. Next season's rising underclass are going to have some big shoes to fill, but they believe they are up to the challenge. Continue to win IC Team.



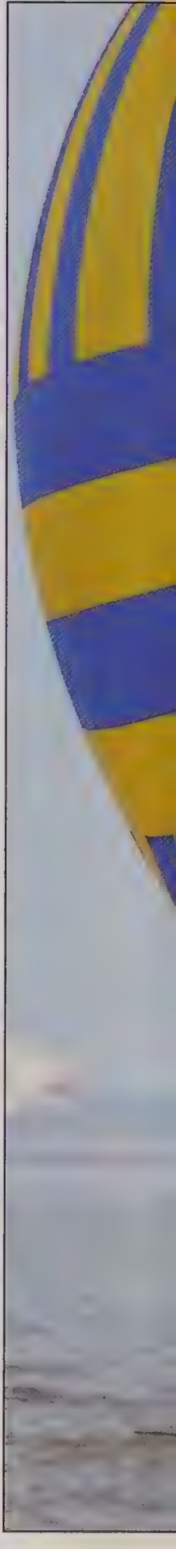


ew intercollegiate sailing b

Far Left: 2/C Charles Fulmer and 2/C John Aplebaum prepare to round a buoy. Top Left: 2/C John Keith and 3/C Lauren Sutehall looking down the course. Center: The Intercollegiate Team prepares for the start of a race. Top Right: 2/C John Keith balances the weight as 3/C Lauren Sutehall works with the sails. Above: 3/C Katherine Whitman and 3/C Slava Haywas keep things steady while they head down the course.

The 2004-2005 season kicked off with the Offshore Sailing Team competing in October for the National Championship. Navy, the only collegiate team to qualify in the regional round of competition, would be the only college present at the Championships. The race was to be conducted in 37-foot boats, making a fast day of competition for the seven representatives Navy sent. Navy jumped out to an early lead, winning the start and commanding the race for the first 3 laps of the 2-mile course. However, after an equipment failure Navy was forced to make a quick recovery, managing to salvage second in the race, thanks in large part to the fast reaction of bowman junior Jim Paquette. After 5 races over 3 days the Navy team took home the Bronze Medal, the first time Navy has placed in the competition in 10 years. Following Nationals, the Offshore Sailing Team headed to the Storm Trysail Intercollegiate Offshore Regatta, held in Larchmont, NY. Navy won in their class of 8 teams, finishing with top 2 in all 4 races. Success is expected next season, and Navy has the team to do it.

ESLING
U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY



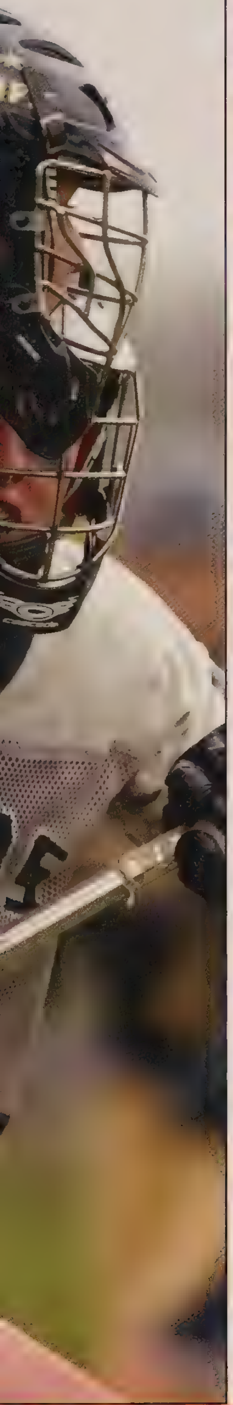
offshore sailing

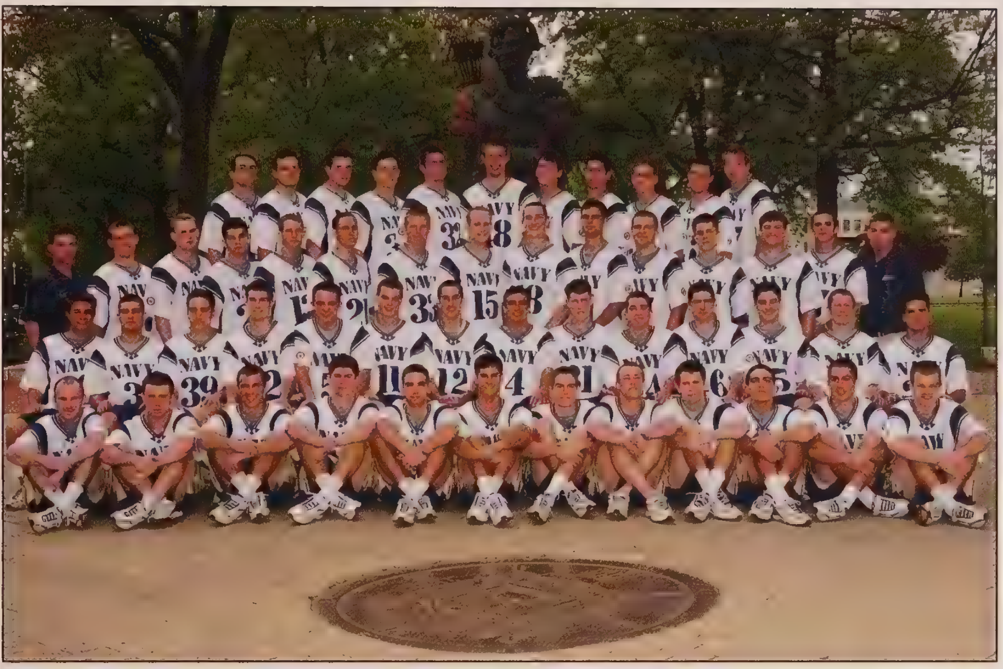
Far Left: The Crew of one of Navy's Colgate 26s sailing with the spinnaker at full. Top Left: The Dauntless Helmsman looking back at a teammate. Center: The Flirt heading downwind. Top Right: Courageous and her crew waiting to get underway. Above: The Flirt, heaving in her spinnaker after a downwind run.

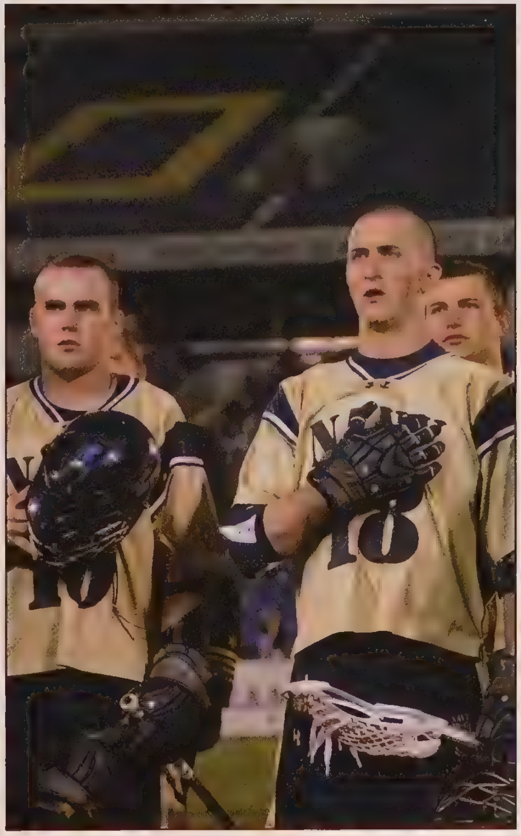
Far Left Top: The Navy Men's Golf team with head coach Pat Owen. Center: Lining up the put takes every ounce of concentration. Right: 1/C Rocky Novellino replaces his ball and lines up his shot. Right Below: 1/C Braxton Mashburn gets his ball out of a sandtrap and up onto the green. Below: 3/C Bryan Stoniecki practices his "chill" pose while waiting for his partner to take a shot.

The Navy Men's Golf Team had high expectations for their season. For the first time in four years, Navy was without All-American Billy Hurley, but according to Head Coach Pat Owen the rising 1/C helped keep the team focused on success and provided the leadership needed to get through the season. The year began with the Navy Fall Invitational. At the end of the weekend Navy finished 13th out of 20 teams, with their best individual performance coming from 1/C Captain Rocky Novellino who finished 14th. Navy's season then continued on a tough course, finishing 3rd at the Service Academy Classic and a close loss to Army in their N-Star match. The middle half of their season was highlighted by individual performances but tough team losses. At the Bucknell Golf Invitational 1/C Braxton Mashburn cracked the top 10 to finish 8th. The 4/C also made strides throughout the season, helping brighten the picture for the future. 4/C Rob Phillips led the way for the mids at the Emerald Coast Collegiate finishing 61st, the highest of any mid at the tournament. By spring the team had grown a lot, and when Navy hosted its Spring Invitational the team improved to 7th place out of 20 teams compared to 13th place at the start of the fall. Led by seniors Braxton Mashburn and Rocky Novellino, who finished tied for 7th at the end of the tournament, Navy finished a single stroke out of the top 5. The season ended with the Patriot League tournament where Navy finished 4th. But the real story was the underclass. "I was encouraged by the play of our young players. We will be a young team next year with no seniors, but we will continue to get stronger as a team." said head coach Pat Owen. Good luck in the next few years Navy Golf, we know you have a bright future.

The 2005 Navy Men's Lacrosse Team finished the year with another incredibly successful season. With the loss of Attackman Ian Dingman during the offseason, rated perhaps the best player at his position in NCAA lacrosse, the team had a tall mountain to climb to get back to where it had been. However, Navy never skipped a beat. They picked up where they left off, working harder, passing better, and uniting as a team like never before as they stormed into the regular season. The team charged out of the gates winning their first 3 games of the season including a 9-6 victory over UNC, a team they had spent nearly 9 overtime periods with over the past 3 seasons. After dropping a tough overtime loss to Bucknell, Navy charged back to win its next 4 games in dominating fashion. Navy's second half of the season finished with the midshipmen winning 2 of their last 4 regular season games, which included a heartbreaking loss to Johns Hopkins in overtime. But Navy found itself first in the Patriot League, and would host the Patriot League tournament the following weekend. At the end of the weekend Navy faced Army for the 2nd time in the season and the Patriot League championship. Dominating the field, they won the tournament with a 15-8 trumping of the Black Knights. The NCAA tournament started well with a 9-7 victory over Delaware before Navy faced Virginia. Unfortunately Virginia is where Navy's season ended. But the team has bright hopes for next season, as the return of Ian Dingman is on the horizon and many young talented players are taking control of the team. Good Lucky Navy Lax and get that NCAA Championship.







Far Left Top: 1/C Mike Felber greets fans after the game. Left Center: 1/C Dwayne Osgood brings the ball up the field against Georgetown. Top: The 2005 Navy Lacrosse team posing in T-Court. Left: The team gets ready to sing Blue and Gold after the Notre Dame game, another win on the season. Above: 1/C Chris Pieczonka wins a faceoff during the Navy/Notre Dame game. Pieczonka was a dominating faceoff man his last 2 years at Navy.

olo volleyball track tennis sw

Far Left Top: The Seniors of Navy's 2005 Men's Lacrosse Team, all smiles as usual, pose on the bench between Stribling's main walkways. Far Left Bottom: A rowdy crowd of fans watch Navy take on Army at home in Navy Marine Corps Stadium. It was a close game, but in the end Navy's tough defense was too much for Army's high powered scoring offense. Center: Gathering together after a goal in the Navy vs. Georgetown game are all the attackmen and middies. Above: 1/C Pat Reilley is making a run down the sideline and gets the ball out of the back during the Army game. Below: What Navy Lacrosse has come to be known for, the most wild midshipmen having a wild time cheering on a fantastic team.

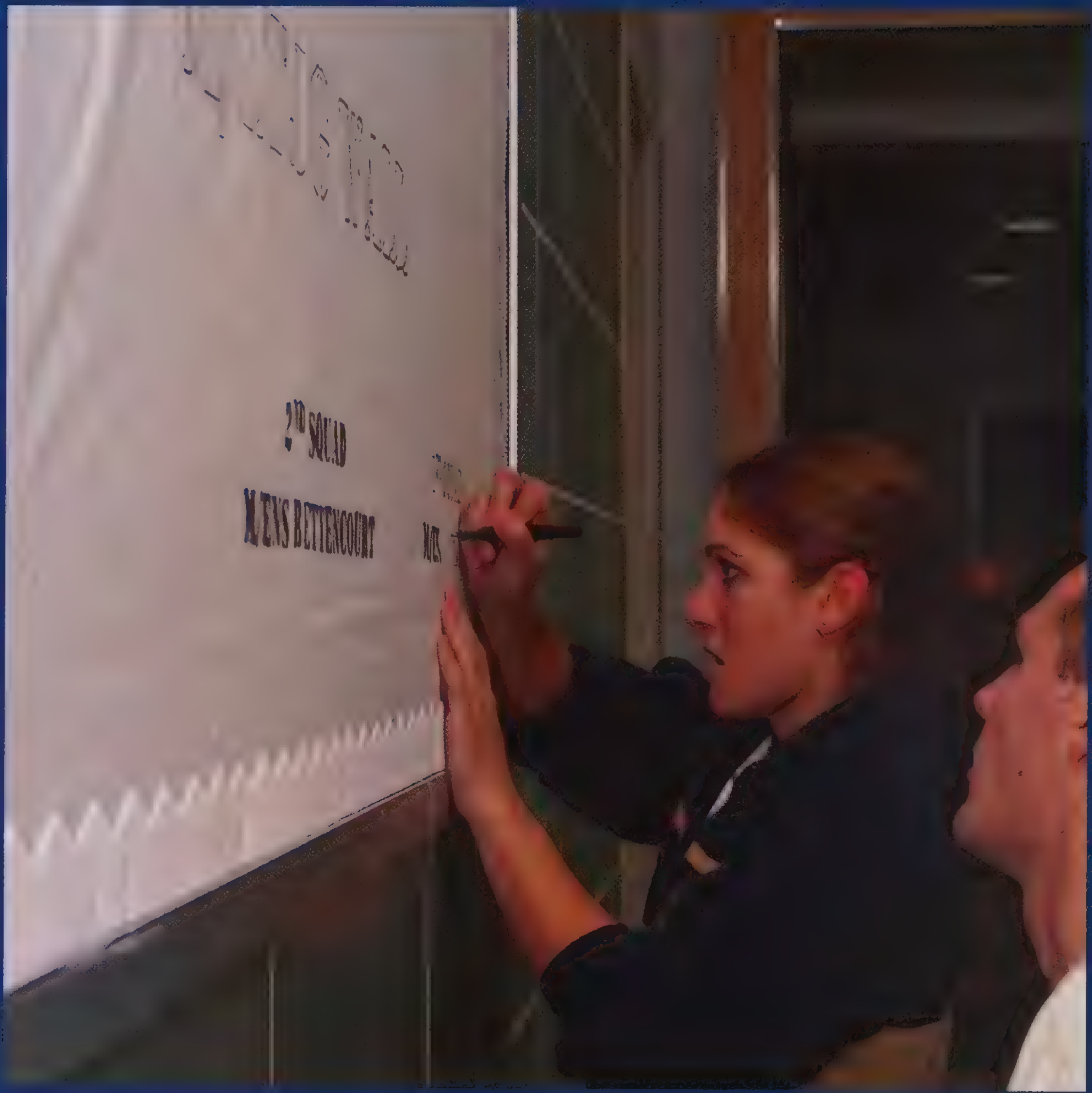
"College life is great...

4th Co. Four Horsemen
4

seman
the
nth
2/c
4/c
3134

...I love USNA!"

friday


2ND SQUAD
ENS BETTENCOURT

"I can't wait until next year...

NAV
FOOTBALL

...when I can actually go out."

friday

club

NAVY

Navy
Navy
Navy
Navy

cheerleading

Beyond cheering the Football team onto an amazing season finished out by a victory over New Mexico at the Emerald Bowl, running through the Pentagon raising the spirit of all the Navy's top officers, supporting the Men's and Women's basketball teams and even cheering on the Navy Lacrosse team, we finally made it back into the world of competition. It was Navy cheerleading's first competition in over 5 years and we made it clear that we would be back again. The early morning workouts and noon stunt sessions were tough on everyone, but helped take us to the next level. We started out a very fresh team with many new faces, but really came together as a team by the end. It's a testament to the team's spirit of hard work and perseverance that we were able to achieve all the goals set forth this year. 1-2-3 CHEER NAVY!!!

"Practice spaces change, coaches change, partners change, but the spirit remains the same!"

1/C Frank Fillingim
Team Co-Captain

combat arms

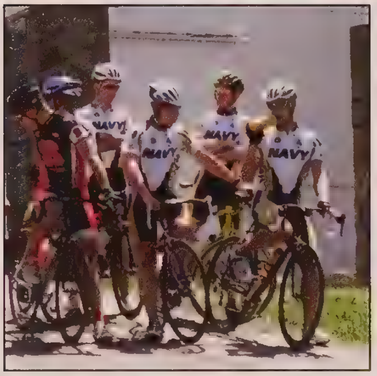
"We are a team who loves to practice long, play hard, and win big."

1/C Matthew Dalton Team Captain

Navy Combat at Arms team competes in about 6 competitions during the academic year. Navy practices at the Naval Station. Navy provides a demanding organization through which midshipmen may safely practice the tactical movement and use of service-type weapons. The standards include physical fitness, academic and military performance, as well as proficiency as a member of the team. The team is instructed and trained by Navy Seals, Marines, Gunners Mates and Law Enforcement Officials.

cycling

Left: The women prepare to start their race. Middle left: The men get ready. Middle right: 3/C Christine Taranto, 1/C Audrey Peterman, 3/C Susan Richardson, and 2/C Jean Hyde are all smiles before their race. Bottom Left: Team Captain, 1/C Chris Lollini leads a pack as he coasts downhill. Bottom middle: 1/C Jake Bauer peddles hard. Bottom right: Coming around a curve.



> "The team had many new riders, but forged such strong bonds, we won the Conference Title."
>
> 1/C Chris Lollini
> Team Captain

The 2005 Cycling team had a great year. They won the Atlantic Coast Conference Cycling Championship. There were several standouts this year: 1/C Audrey Peterman, 2/C Jean Hyde, 2/C Mitchell Clement, 3/C Jonathon Mason, and 4/C Amy Alexander. Of the 24 team members, 11 riders qualified for the US Collegiate National Championships (six men and five women). 3/C Mason finished 17th of 198 men and 1/C Peterman finished 14th 156 women. Congratulations Navy Cycling and good luck next year.

hockey

"This Navy Hockey team is a group of players who are tough when they're hitting and tough when they're fighting."

1/C Jeff Kausek Team Captain

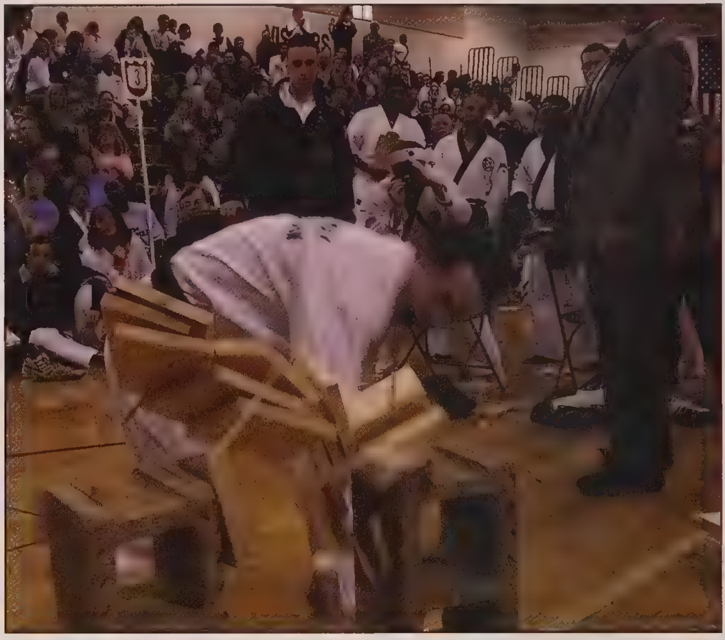
Running from September through March, Navy Hockey has the longest championship season on the Yard. Finishing the season 18-15-3, Navy had a successful 2004-2005 season. Among the highlights were competing in the East/West Showcase, the first annual Turkey Shootout hosted in Dahlgren, and the Crabpot Tournament. Navy placed fourth in the regular season ECHA standings earning a birth in the season playoffs. In the playoffs, played in Westchester, PA, Navy won an exciting 3-OT game versus rival Towson. In the semifinals, Navy lost to eventual National Championship Runner-Up Rhode Island. Navy earned a split for third place with host Westchester after tying in the consolation game. Special congratulations go to team netminder and MVP, 2/c Ryan Dobie. 2/c Dobie was named ECHA 3rd Team All-Star and ACHA Honorable Mention All-American. 3/c Chriss Schnappinger was also named ECHA 3rd Team All-Star, and 4/c Nick Schwob was named to the ECHA All tournament team.

international pistol

As usual, the USNA fielded a very competitive team. The team worked hard—enjoying one of the best collegiate ranges in the nation right here in Bancroft Hall's basement. Spending countless hours training both at mental preparation and with up to three different pistols, the team members worked together to improve as a whole. Unlike combat-style shooting, the competitors fire the Olympic course of fire, which requires the althlete to remain in one spot and shoot one handed with competition-grade pistols. With 60 shot matches that last up to two hours, the sport requires a unique combination of mental and physical conditioning. The team sent 6 junior members to the Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs, CO to compete in the Junior Olympics National Competition. 4/C Rachel Florea medaled with a 3rd place. These shooters will be the scoring core of upcoming Navy Pistol teams. The Navy Women's Aggregate team, led by 1/C Diana Beauford, 1/C Gail Kollhoff, and 2/C Lauren Keefe went undefeated during the regular season. After a very close victory over Ohio State, the ladies finished with a victory over Army. 1/C Red Miller put his name in the record books with his NRA National Collegiate Record in 10 meter Air Pistol – shooting an amazing 580 out of 600 points. Team captain 1/ C Mike Gleeson led the team at the NRA Intercollegiate Pistol Championships, earning a National Title in both 10 meter Air Pistol and 50 meter Free Pistol. Every event saw great results from the shooters in blue and khaki. However, the competition pulled ahead by four points (out of 7200). Navy's Grand Aggregate and Women's Aggregate teams brought home a second place for Navy. Six Navy shooters—Diana Beauford, Mike Gleeson, Gail Kollhoff, Red Miller, Dave Bennett and LJ Camp earned All-American honors for the 2005 season. Coach "Senior" Callahan earned the title of Collegiate Coach of the Year for her selfless dedication to the team and the sport as a whole. With her guidance, the International Pistol Club will remain at the top of the Collegiate Pistol competitions.

karate

2005 marked another year of hard work and dedication from the Karate Team. Led by Team Captain 1/C Nate Grebb and Co-Captain 1/C John Bearce along with fellow officers Kitan Bae, Grant Gillary, Noah Gould, Leonie Jesse, and Kate Kasten the team faired well as always in its competitions. Master Amos Johnson instructed the team for his second year, and passed on his vast knowledge of the Martial Arts. Instilling in the team the fundamental principles of patience, training, and character, Master Johnson taught his students more then simply how to kick and punch. Together the team trained day in and day out for the ultimate goal of excelling in their competitions and developing a system of self defense that one day may help them in their military careers. The team looks forward to the rest of their competitions, including the West Point Invitational Tournament that they will be attending for the first time this year.



UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY

KARATE-DŌ TEAM

“We have fought together, bled together, won together, and lost together. It has been a great season with an exceptional group of people”

1/C
Nate Grebb
Team
Captain

marathon

130
NAVY MARATHON TEAM
NAVY MARATHON TEAM
210
194
2

The marathon team enjoyed many success in its first year as a club sport. Every team member qualified for the Boston Marathon and also ran a personal best marathon time. The team is coached on a volunteer basis by Nathan Nudelman, who also works full time as a Sergeant in the Secret Service. Nudelman runs in nearly every race and practice with the team.

The team ran ten races this year, from five kilometers to 50 miles. The season's schedule was specifically tailored to prepare the team for the Steamtown and Boston marathons, and noteworthy times were recorded at these races by the following team members:

Wallace Miller: 2:39 Steamtown Marathon (October 10, Scranton, PA), Curtis Prentice: 2:43 Steamtown Marathon; James Cathro: 2:46 Richmond Marathon (November 12, Richmond, VA; Jordan Jones: 2:46 Boston Marathon (April 11, Boston, MA); Joshua Faucett: 2:47 Steamtown Marathon.

The inaugural team won the military team trophy in the elite Cherry Blossom 10 miler in Washington, DC, and set a military team course record in the JFK 50 miler in Boonesboro, MD, conquering the previously undefeated record holding USMC team in the process. In addition, team members captured over 30 individual awards in local road races throughout the course of the season.

Coach:
  Nathan Nudelman
O-rep:
  GySgt Judd Baker, USMC
President:
  1/C James Cathro
Vice President:
  1/C Leslie Borenstein
Treasurer:
  1/C Ryan Dickson
Operations Officer:
  1/C Betsy Kealey

powerlifting

The Naval Academy Powerlifting Team performed much better than expected this year. Despite an early season loss to Army, the USNA Powerlifting Team was able to bounce back. The young team went on to many exceptional performances at the Collegiate Nationals Meet in Baton Rouge, LA. Stand out performances, and special congratulations go out to the following members:
1/C Nate Heely - 220lb class - 4th overall
1/C Mitch Fury - 165lb class - 5th overall
2/C Dara Ching - 148lb class - 5th overall
2/C Jason Bowers - 181lb class - 2nd overall (All-American)
Many new members joined this past year and the team is expecting much better years in the future.

soccer

NAVY
SOCCER
NAVY
NAVY
SOCCER

Returning to nationals and finishing in 9th place gave the Navy Club Soccer Team its best finish in the team's history. Leading this year's team were 1/C A.J. Handy, NCS's goalie and MVP of the regional tournament. 2/C Andrew Gibbons also contributed to Navy's success through leadership both on and off the field. Finally, the 28 goals contributed by 4/C Doug Devuono out of 31 scored by the entire team, were critical to this team's success. A final thanks must go to LT Chopek, the NCS O-Rep and all around coolest man ever. Good luck next year NCS. Hoooooost!

triathlon

"If you train hard, you'll not only be hard, you'll be hard to beat."

1/C Ashley Garner Team Captain

It was quite a year for the Navy triathlon team. With lots of new talent and a solid roster of twenty-five, the team overcame a multitude of difficulties and stepped up for the championship season. With a strong start during the fall season, the newcomers proved they would be essential to the team's success. The team competed in the Lancaster triathlon under adverse weather conditions and went on to win the regional collegiate title at Big Lick triathlon. Thanks to the diligent communication skills of team captain Ashley Garner, four team members and Alumnus Ensign Tyler Hurst had the incredible opportunity to travel to Korea and compete in an aquathlon. The fall season quickly wound down and after losing the beloved Jerry Frentos as coach, senior Brandon Secrest assumed the coaching position to start the team off with base training through the winter season. 1/C Matt Welch took over as team captain in the spring and after many months of tedious hours spent on bike trainers inside and track workouts battling the frigid Annapolis winter air the team emerged a force to be reckoned with. The Clermont triathlon in Florida got the kinks worked out for nationals and 4/C John Dubiel and Jen Lloyd earned positions on the traveling team. Led respectively by 1/C Brandon Secrest and 3/C Justine Whipple the men's and women's teams followed right behind with remarkable depth at the Collegiate nation competition in Lake Havasu, AZ. Having a blast racing, and placing 3rd overall as a combined team, the triathlon team proved that they know how to play as well as they race during their time in AZ. Some highlight rookies were 3/C Morgan Kitchen and 1/C Ryan Tuttle who had outstanding performances at nationals. The team looks forward to a recovering year this coming season, as it is sad to see many of the seasoned seniors graduate, but with fresh talent coming it will prove to be another exciting season.

volleyball

The Navy Men's Club Volleyball team finished another spectacular season, bringing home the 2nd Place trophy from the West Point Invitational. As you can see these guys are all about working hard and having a good time. In the evenings, combined with their practices, the men usually scrimmage top caliber adult league teams in the area. On the whole the Navy Volleyball team has had the tradition of performing well year in and year out, and again the team continued to do so this past season. Departing seniors will be missed, such as 1/C Captain Chris Rose, but there is plenty of young talent coming up behind him to fill any vacancies. Good luck next year!

"Hard work and fun is what we're all about. Oh and winning too."

What 1/C Chris Rose Team Captain Would Say

club boxing

"The midshipmen have a lot of heart. They go toe to toe with neither one of them willing to give up. Boxing calls for intestinal fortitude under intense pressure. It's what being a warrior is all about."

Coach Jim McNally

The Brigade Boxing Championship is one of the highlights of the year for many midshipmen. This year's championship was no different. The 64th annual championship took place on February 25, 2005. Midshipmen gathered to cheer on their favorite competitors through 11 bouts of fast paced, intense Navy Boxing. Weight classes ranged from 119 lbs through 195 lbs and the heavyweights. The championship began with Jonathan Liang ('04 runner-up) '07 defeating Mikoto Yoshida '08. In the 125-pound class, two-time Brigade champ Jeremy Biggs '06 beat Oscar Sanchez '08. Nick Tawil '06 and James Dade '08 faced off next and Tawil won by decision. Adrian Evangelista '05, Brigade runner-up in 2004 defeated Dan Leahey '07. In an exciting match, two Brigade Champions faced each other in the 147-pound bout. BJ Richardson '07 (2004 147-lbs Champion) defeated Fernando Garcia '05 (2004 139-lbs Champion). The 156-lbs bout became a rematch for Nick Cater and Alejandro Loya both from '06. Last year Carter won the match-up, Loya took the match this year. For many, the next match was one of their favorites. It's a treat to watch Amir Shareef box. At the time Shareef '05 was a two-time National Champion and a three-time defending Brigade Champion. Shareef stepped into the ring to face Dmitry Shvets '08. Shvets put up a good fight but was no match for the National Champion and Amir became only the 12 Midshipmen in Naval Academy history to win four Brigade Champion Titles. Another intraclass rivalry took place between the first class Chris Lonero and Dan Martinez. Both were runner-ups last year and when the smoke settled Lonero was declared the victor. Derek Herrera '06 challenged Greg Watten '06 for Greg's Brigade Championship title, but was not able to defeat the defending champion. In the final match of the evening, the heavyweights Dan Brendel '05 and Dave Paddock '08 fought ferociously, with Dan Brendel prevailing.

Beyond the excitement of the Brigade Championships, the Boxing Team had another fantastic year. The team headed out to Colorado, to the Air Force Academy to participate in the NCBA National Championship. Navy edged out Air Force, the defending national champs, to win the tournament. Shareef who had already won his fourth Brigade Championship early that year, defeated his Army opponent to win his third National Title. Chris Lonero and Jeremy Biggs also brought home National Titles.

There was a single-mindedness about them that was striking. To them, lacrosse was life. No, that's not right. Their team was their family and group of best friends rolled into one. It was kind of hard to break in as an outsider I guess it could be said of most varsity athletes and their respective sport, but I saw it especially with this bunch.

I contacted co-captain Nicole Telesh about becoming manager for the team not knowing what the experience would bring. I left knowing at least one thing: these girls were great. They were great on the field, as exemplified by Nicole's accomplishments, having ended the year with undoubtedly the best statistics in the league, the most career goals in Navy history and the distinction of US Lacrosse WDIA attack Player of the Year and First Team All-American. And they were great off the field: co-captain Anne O'Donnell's Marshall scholarship is just the most obvious example of many achievements by this intelligent and stunningly beautiful group.

"The team deserved their national ranking" said Officer Rep. CDR Lisa McWhorter. She noted that, with an incredible depth on the sidelines coming and a group of already strong returning starters, the team "coalesced into a mean fighting machine." She wasn't kidding. Navy Women's Lacrosse plays to win. A bad day was when the other team came within 5 points. Typical margins were more along the lines of 15.

When asked about their heartbreaking overtime loss to Florida during the national semifinals, one of only two losses the entire season, the general consensus was that all they could do was accept the result and move on. This kind of resiliency revealed the nature of the team: a team with the adequate strength and skill can win often. It takes a team with extraordinary character to move on while learning from their mistakes.

And move on they will: while they are losing two excellent players in Nicole Telesh and Anne O'Donnell, the rest of a remarkably deep team will return next year. I have no doubt that they will go far.

I read somewhere that the true competitor knows this fight is not won alone but as a team. The individual must take responsibility to push themselves, but one must also rely on the others to push themselves as well, gaining strength thereby. This team epitomizes this ideal: they do everything they can as individuals and know everyone else on the team will do the same. Then they click as a team, and they win.

Right: 1/C Anne O'Donnell, team co-captain, searches the field for someone open. Above: 3/C Elise Chapdelaine Bottom Left: 1/C Nicole Telesh, team co-captain, proudly displays the 2nd place trophy from Towson's Tournament. Bottom Right: 2/C Liza Holmes sprints downfield.

women's lacrosse

"Our biggest strength is our teamwork."

1/C Nicole Telesh
Team Co-Captain

men's rugby

“In memory of LtCol. Shea, USMC.”

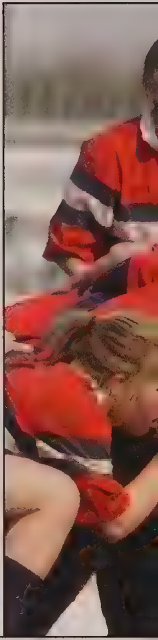
1/C Ben Pittard
Team Co-Captain

NAVY
Rugby
UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY

The rugby team began the year with a bang. Led by captains and All-Americans Ben Pittard and Scott Cleveland, the team went undefeated in the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union fall season and downed ranked opponent Ohio State. However, the fall season ended with a bitter loss to Army. With the Army defeat looming over their heads, the players, led by new assistant coach Mike Coyner, went into a rigorous off season training program of hard conditioning early in the mornings. When spring season came around, the team defeated Delaware and then headed off to South Africa for a 12 day tour. The team collected a 2-3 record while on tour and made some great improvements. Navy came home to beat Kutztown to advance in the MARFU tournament. The next step was Princeton, where Navy defeated Delaware and then suffered a disappointing loss to Penn State. The team still qualified for the national tournament. Navy's first opponent was perennial powerhouse Air Force. Everyone had slotted Navy to lose but with their backs against the wall, the team beat Air Force 19-12 without giving up a try. The team then pulled off a close one against Ohio State the next day, sending the team to Stanford for the final four. Unfortunately, the season was ended one game too soon as Cal beat Navy in the first match at Stanford.

The team was driven by the loss of a close coach, mentor, and friend. LtCol Kevin Shea was killed in action on September 14th, 2004. LtCol. Shea was a coach for 3 years, and the team credits him for much of their strength. Every player he came in contact with carries on his spirit for the game and the service. Lt.Col Shea, "Marine, Coach, Professor, Father and Friend," may you rest in peace.

Left: Team Co-Captain 1/C Scott Cleveland makes a punt as 1/C Will Cocos looks on. Top Right: 3/C Blake Lindsay and 1/C Steve Schwarzer are lifted into the air in attempt to make a catch. Bottom Middle: 1/C Ben Pittard, Co-Captain, strides to kick the ball. Bottom Right: 2/C Jake Womble and 1/C Schwarzer tackle their opponent to the ground.



Top Right: Navy Women's Rugby works together. Top Left: The team huddles up to discuss strategy. Above: Navy evades a tackle. Right: Navy's opponent is in hot pursuit

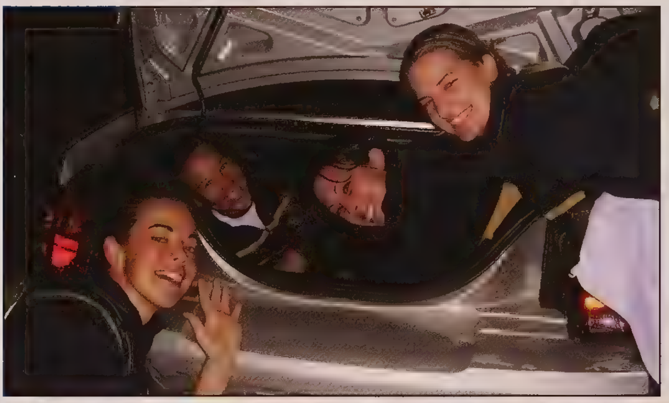
women's rugby

This year marked the tenth season for Navy Women's Rugby, and was expected to be a rebuilding year for the team. However, under the leadership of Captains 1/C Sarah Coulthard and 1/C Jami Gann, the team surprised everybody and continued the legacy of success left behind by former NWR players. The team's motto, "Love the Legacy" were words Coulthard and Gann came up with to keep the team's focus on winning vice rebuilding. This motto fit well with others the team already has. "Trample the weak, hurdle the dead" along with, "Make it so the * can't breath" exemplify the tenacity the team played with all season. This year's team finished fourth in the regional tournament, and was seeded fourth going in to the national tournament. They reached the final fours in Stanford to cap off their season. A few of the highlights from this year were the victory over UC Berkley in the sweet sixteen round, and upsetting Air Force for the 2nd straight year in the round of 8. The B-side team also beat Army in the Cherry Blossom Festival. Good luck next year NWR, and keep the Legacy going!

Softball

“We are a team who loves to practice long, play hard, and win big.”

1/C Michelle Dickson Team Captain



Navy has been to the national championships the last 3 years and won 3 out of the last 3. Navy lost to University of Southern California in the championship game 3-10. Navy boasts a 28 game schedule. This years record was 17-10-1. The women have continued to perform well, especially after losing plenty of senior talent and leadership following the '04 National Championship, but their return trip to Nationals was all the sweeter this year as they were looked at all along as underdogs. Continue to dominate Navy Softball, and stay at the top.

“Hey, wanna go hang out...

TAXI
POLICE

...at the mall?"

s
a
t
u
r
d
a
y

"SMT is motivating...

saturday

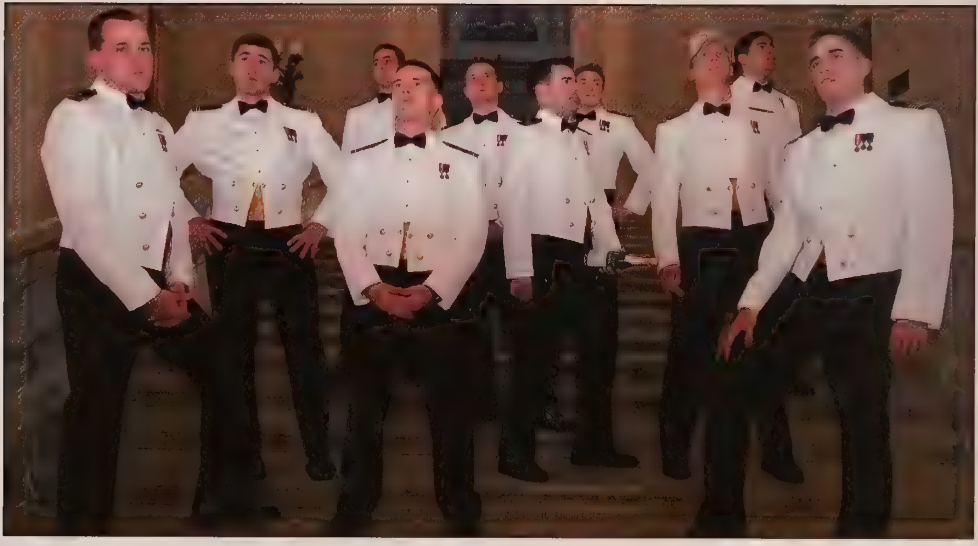
"Eckel....Eckel....Eckel..."

e.c.d.

ASIA S

glee club
men and women's

The Men's and Woman's Glee Club is the largest of the Nacal Academy's musical organizations. They have appeared on several network television shows, most noteably for The Presidential Inaugural Galas(CBS) and Kennedy Center Honors(CBS), Christmas in Washington and The Today Show(NBC), and Good Morning America(ABC). They participate in annaual performances of Handel's Messiah. They have performed masterpieces of the choral-orchestra literature with the Annapolis Symphany Orchestra. This year the Men's Glee Club did a tour of Europe and sang in such places as the Vatican. The men and women of this club represent the Naval Acadmey with pride and distinction in schools, colleges, churches, cathedrals, and many of our country's finest concert halls. The Woman's Glee Club began in 1976 when women first entered the Naval Academy.



men's glee club
officer representative:
lt schenck
director:
dr. john bary talley
president:
1/c kerry bosche
vice president:
1/c jack treptow
secretary:
2/c dave koeppel

women's glee club
officer representative:
lt mcbride
president:
1/c stephanie hoffman
vice president:
1/c sarah atwood
secretary:
1/c chrisy higgins
pao:
1/c Cynthia Ongjoco

semper fi society

always faithful

Semper Fi Society goals:

1) Developing Esprit de Corps and pride among future Marines at USNA and fostering Marine Corps traditions on the yard.

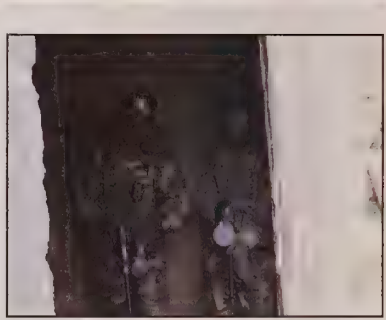
2) Preparing Midshipmen for service in the Corps by providing the opportunity to develop professional skills relevant to Marine officers.

3) Educating members of the society on the Marine Corps in general, Marine Corps career opportunities, and the lifestyle of the Corps.

4) Promoting interest in the Marine Corps among the Brigade of Midshipmen and the larger Academy Community.

5) Increasing the level of professionalism and military competence of a core of Midshipman in order to increase the discipline and martial spirit of the Brigade.

These goals are accomplished through tailgaters, picnics, mixers, PFTs, and events such as land navigation classes, Field Exercises, combat speakers, trips to the O-Course, combat swimming, the Marine Corps Birthday Ball, and many other events and activities throughout the year.



captions clockwise from top: Semper Fi members set up base camp, go through the gas chamber, and practice land navigation.

semper fi society
officer representative:
major james, usmc
co:
1/c ryan stevens
xo:
1/c duane gross
1st sgt:
1/c david yorck
administration
1/c agustin arreola
operations
1/c cedric jefferson

m.a.g.

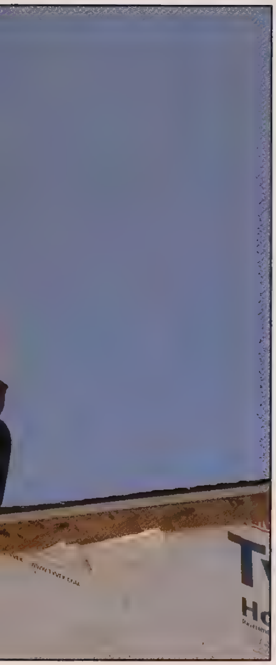
m.a.g.

The Midshipmen Action Group was established in 1992 as a community relations program organized and maintained by the Brigade of Midshipmen. Working with community partners, MAG coordinates voluntary projects making it possible for midshipmen to offer their time, talent and energy to a variety of educational, environmental and social service activities. MAG has organized more than 300,000 hours of community service since its founding. In 2004, Mids devoted over 30,000 hours of service to the greater Annapolis area. In 2004, MAG received citations from the state of Maryland Gov. Robert L. Ehrlich, Maryland House of Delegates, and Mayor Ellen O. Moyer. More than 2000 are Mids involved in the program every year with 26 community partners. USNA Companies integrate MAG into their Saturday Morning Training plans.

captions clockwise from top: Mids help paint walls. Mids take part in Mids-for-Kids teaching local area kids in school.

captions clockwise from top: Mids put up walls on a project. Mids clean up an area and get a good work out while helping the community. A brave mid helps on the roof of a house during Habitat for Humanity.

president:
1/c patrick daly
vice president:
1/c jason schulze
secretary:
1/c lis gayer
treasurer:
1/c joe heyne



filipino american club

president:
1/c jeremy sabado
vice president:
2/c theodore borromeo
treasurer:
2/c reginald cruz
secretary:
1/c rea dacanay

The purpose of the Filipino-American Club is to promote Filipino culture and heritage and to enlighten the Brigade of Midshipmen. The Filipino-American Club attempts to do this by actively participating in cultural functions and events on and off the yard, which include both students and faculty. They enthusiastically encourage everyone in the Academy family to broaden their horizons and experience the unique and rich culture of the Philippines.

naval academy flying squadron

The mission of the Naval Academy Flying Squadron is to provide midshipmen with a means to gain practical flight experience in general aviation aircraft. The Flying Squadron consists of two parts: The Fling Squadron, which is open to all midshipmen interested in aviation, and the Flying Team, which competes on the intercollegiate level both regionally and nationally against universities such as Embry-Riddle and the U.S. Air Force Academy. The Flying Team won their region the last two years as well as placing ninth overall at Nationals and earned the Most Improved School in the Nation award. In addition to the Flying Team and Flying Squadron, the Academy has the Initial Flight Syllabus (IFS) program for first class midshipmen who are selected for aviation which enables them to get hours behind the stick before flight school.

korean american midshipmen assoc

president:
1/c steve howard
vice president:
1/c dan oh
treasurer:
1/c luke im
secretary:
1/c chris kim

The purpose of the Korean American Midshipmen Association is to provide a comfortable environment in which midshipmen of any background may learn or further their knowledge of Korean culture, history, and traditions, as well as provide opportunities for unique interactions with various other universities, including the Korean Naval Academy in South Korea. This year they have participated in ECAASU (East Coast Asian American Student Conference), and hosted four Korean Naval Academy students this past fall. Also, KAMA members in conjunction with Korean Focus presented the history of the Turtle Boat at the Washington Navy Museum.

national society of black engineers

The National Society of Black Engineers is a support group for Black midshipmen and other ethnic minorities who are Group I and Group II majors. NSBE was established to help keep these midshipmen in these majors; to promote a better understanding of the field of engineering by Black and ethnic minority midshipmen; and to provide means of showcasing the Naval Academy's excellent engineering program in the minority community, thus attracting potential faculty and candidates. Whether it be tutoring local area youths, providing community service or simply aiding a fellow midshipman, the goal of the Naval Academy chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers is not to promote self, but selflessness with knowledge, time, and fellowship.

NSBE

paintball

president:
2/c mark theurer
vice president:
1/c kevin manuel
treasurer:
2/c brad holbrook
secretary:
3/c patrick dunn

The Paintball Club provides the Brigade with a paintball field and set-up on which general play sessions, training, and Sea-Trials are held. In addition to running SMT's every weekend (they have done this for over 20 companies), the club sets up Brigade play days for all club members and non-members. The paintball club is also a major component of Sea Trials. For competition, the members field the Navy Paintball Tournament teams that play in the National Collegiate Paintball Association against other colleges.

chinese american club

The purpose of the Chinese American Club is to reaffirm cultural and ethnic identity in midshipmen with Chinese heritage and provide awareness of Chinese culture to the Brigade of Midshipmen and USNA faculty. The goal of the club this year was to firmly establish a more legitimate and genuine standing as a club through social interactions, cultural programs and activities, and political awareness. The club held movie nights showing good flicks such as "Hero" and "House of Flying Daggers", and they went to traditional restaurants for buffets or dim sum (lunch on a cart). The club also participated in Taiwanese Independence Day Celebration/Dinner, Chinese New Years Feast, the annual East Coast Asian Student Union, F.U.E.L (leadership conference), and the annual luncheon with the Taiwanese Naval Attaché.

president:
1/c jack shis
vice president:
1/c zachary jones
treasurer:
2/c david tang
secretary:
3/c john tang

debate team

Navy Debate is the United States Naval Academy's policy debate team. A Brigade Support Activity and Academic Extra Curricular Activity, midshipmen have been debating competitively on the national circuit for over 40 years. Navy competes in all levels of debate and travels to over 15 tournaments a year, as well as hosting a tournament in Annapolis. Debate offers midshipmen the opportunity to compete intellectually against fellow undergraduates from schools across the nation. Navy only debates a policy format and is a member of the American Debate Association (ADA), the Cross Examination Debate Association (CEDA), and the National Debate Tournament (NDT). The team is midshipmen run and led. Every year dozens of midshipmen in all classes and all majors join the team, everything from systems and mechanical engineers, to political science and economic majors. The team also has three levels of debate. The Novice division is for those just learning to debate, the Junior Varsity division is for debaters with more experience and allows debaters to refine their skills, and the Varsity division provides competition for those debaters who have been debating for some time

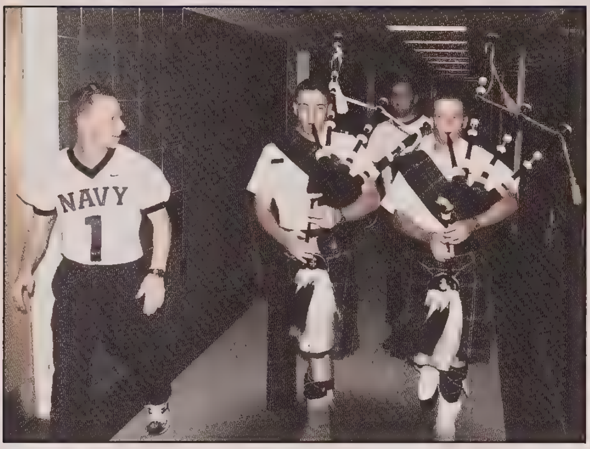
staff:
coach: daniel overbey
o-rep: capt keith gibeling, usaf

fencing club

president:
1/c rea katz
vice president:
1/c tom dunbar
treasurer/ armorer:
2/c adam mosley

The purpose of the Navy Fencing Club is to rekindle the lost tradition of Navy Fencing, a tradition that includes two Olympians and several distinguished alumni. The team promotes physical fitness, quick thinking and reflexes, and the tactical skills necessary to be a combat leader. This year the Fencing club has grown significantly from years past. Several members have increased their United States Fencing Association Rating through competing at various tournaments in the local area. In addition, the team competed in the South Atlantic Conference and the Baltimore Washington Conference placing third as a team. In April, the team traveled to the National Collegiate Fencing Championships in Lansing Michigan.

pipes and drums



memebers of pipes and drums parading through the hall, led by the 'dant, capt joe ledig

officer representative:
maj scott w. wadle, usmc
president:
1/c curtis prentice
vice president/ drum sergeant:
1/c chase ackerman
operations/ finance officer:
1/c jeromy smith
supply officer/ pipe major:
2/c philip roman
head dancer:
2/c jacquelyn hanna

Pipes and Drums was formed in 1999 due to the generous support from the Class of 61' and since then has provided traditional highland musical support to the Brigade of Midshipmen. Pipes and Drums played a major role in supporting the Brigade of Midshipman during this year's football season. They played in venues ranging from T-Court, downtown Annapolis, tailgaters and the Superintendant's tent. They continued to show major involvement throughout the year by performing at weddings, dinning ins/outs, the Marine Corps Birthday and Mess night, the Traditional Saint Patrick's day performance and Graduation performance as well as other numerous occasions including a trip to the Royal Military College of Canada with the Drum and Bugle Corps.

american society of naval engineers

president:
1/c jonathan connelly
vice president:
1/c arthur ceraldi
treasurer:
1/c jeffrey coover
secretary:
1/c chris keithley

The purpose of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers and American Society of Naval Engineers (SNAME/ASNE) Naval Academy Student Section is to give members the chance to gain experience and advance their knowledge of professional practices and opportunities in naval engineering. It also aids in the promotion of naval engineering as a civilian career. Members participate in National and Regional meetings concerning important and practical aspects of today's Navy and Coast Guard. During the monthly meetings, professionals in the fields of Naval Architecture, Marine Engineering, and Ocean Engineering speak to the group and lead discussions allowing the group to learn more about engineering.

german club

german club

officer representative:
cdr berthold moog,
german navy
president:
2/c grant wanier
vice president:
1/c john gerweck
treasurer:
2/c ryan wade
secretary:
2/c mary nell

group picture at the german embassy in washington, dc

The German Club at the Naval Academy consists of any students interested in Germany, its culture or its language. It consists primarily of Midshipman enrolled in the German courses offered here at the Naval Academy. Its focus is to explore, experience, and understand German culture in all aspects. Meetings allow the club members a chance to practice their German skills in a social environment as well as sample German cuisine specialties. Big events throughout this past year included hosting German Midshipman in the United States for 10 days in the fall, and visiting the German embassy in Washington, DC in the spring. During this summer, the club will take a group of midshipmen on the annual leadership development trip.

aikido

aikido

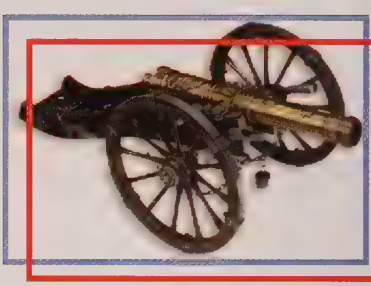
a member of the akido team is tossed swiftly to the ground

The Navy Aikido Club seeks to develop the moral character of Midshipmen. Navy Aikido seeks to improve mental and physical flexibility and martial awareness. Through dedicated training, students learn to protect their own lives and develop the skills to preserve the lives of their attackers. Aikido is the major foundational martial art of the Marine Corps and Naval Academy martial arts training programs. This year, aikido hosted a club banquet to honor the promotion of their chief instructor to 5th Degree Black belt, and attended several seminars, including the Two Sword Seminar and the Cherry Blossom Seminar.

president:
1/c katherine alley
vice president:
1/c say tan
treasurer:
2/c bill dalton
secretary:
2/c scott herbert

cannoneers

The USNA Cannoneers are a Brigade Support Activity that promote the spirit of the Brigade at football games. From the march-on of the Brigade until the final seconds of the game, the cannoneers are ready to fire their cannons. During the games, they fire a Dahlgren model 1863 Boat Howitzer for touchdowns, halftime and the end of the game. They also fire a smaller cannon for extra points, field goals, and the end of the first and third quarters. The cannoneers are a little known, but important part of the Brigade's spirit.



catholic midshipmen club

The Catholic Midshipmen Club is the primary catholic group on the yard. Throughout the year, the club remains very active with monthly meetings, service projects, retreats, and MO's to various places in the Washington area.

president:
jordan jones
vice president:
john "herbie" hancock
treasurer:
john topolski
secretary:
chris lyon

international ball committee

The International Ball serves to recognize and honor the Naval Academy's international students, international officers and their spouses. Additionally, the I-Ball promotes international awareness among our future Naval and Marine Corps officers. The I-Ball provides an excellent opportunity for the midshipmen to use their foreign language abilities and experience the traditions and etiquette of a formal ball.

model united nations

The Model United Nations is a group of midshipmen who take on the roles of foreign countries and try to understand how nations work with each other, by going to conferences and researching topics. The team competes against other schools from around the country.

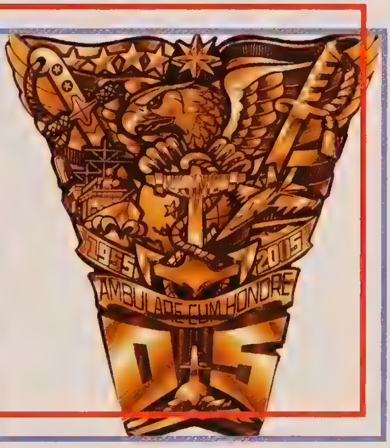
United States Naval Academy
Model United Nations

baptist student union

officer representative:
cdr carr
president:
brian ross
vice president:
joe heine

BSU has been an active ministry here for over 35 years. The BSU provides opportunities for the students to take on leadership responsibilities and as a result to learn and grow through "hands-on" experience. In applying this, BSU emphasizes ministries such as Bible study, prayer, worship, evangelism, mission trips, local mission projects, retreats, discipleship, fellowship, and involvement in local area churches.

ring and crest committee



The Ring and Crest committee is comprised of one member of each class. Their job is to work with the ring and crest design companies in order to achieve a crest worthy of representing their class ideas and mottoes.

brigade social affairs

president:
1/c sean purdy

The Brigade Social Affairs Committee works with the Operations Department of the Naval Academy to provide activities for the Midshipmen throughout the year. From formal dances such as the I-Ball to concerts including Rascal Flats, the BSAC is involved and busy during the entire year.

joy bright hancock organization

Joy Bright Hancock enlisted in the Navy as a Yeoman (F), serving at Camden, New Jersey and at the Naval Air Station, Cape May. Following the war, she married Lieutenant Charles Gray Little, who was killed in the crash of the airship ZR-2 in 1921. A year later, she obtained employment with the Bureau of Aeronautics, where her duties including editing the Bureau's "News Letter", which later evolved into the magazine "Naval Aviation News". In 1924, she left the Bureau to marry Lieutenant Commander Lewis Hancock, Jr., who lost his life when USS Shenandoah (ZR-1) crashed in September 1925. In February 1946, Commander Hancock became the Assistant Director (Plans) of the Women's Reserve and was promoted to WAVES' Director, with the rank of Captain, in July of that year. She guided the WAVES through the difficult years of Naval contraction in the later 1940s and the expansion of the early 1950s, a period that also saw the Navy's women achieve status as part of the Regular Navy. Captain Hancock retired from active duty in June 1953.

officers' christian fellowship

president:
1/c dave exner
vice president:
1/c stephen mcmath
treasurer:
1/c joe burns
secretary:
1/c danica adams

OCF is designed to prepare midshipmen for living out the OCF purpose in the Fleet and the Fleet Marine Force. OCF concentrates on teaching the fundamentals of prayer, knowing and living by the scriptures, fellowship, and leadership. The program is midshipmen-led, but also designed to provide guidance and teaching through officer mentors. OCF holds weekly fellowship meetings in the Planetarium in Luce Hall. These consist of Praise & Worship led by the Midshipmen Praise Team, and bible studies, led by Officer and Midshipmen teams. Fellowship meetings, with guest speakers, banana races, awesome food and other fun activities are held at the Maranatha Mansion, the OCF ministry home, several times each semester. Twice a year, OCF heads up to White Sulphur Springs, the east Coast OCF retreat center, for a long weekend retreat with guest speakers, line dancing, ice cream sundaes, hiking, and plenty of need quite time.

navigators

The Navigators at the Naval Academy have taking the theme of navigation and applied it to the Christian lifestyle. Navigators is a large Christian organization found on many college campuses and military bases across the U.S. and around the world. The Navigators are a ministry that began in the 1930's with a man named Dawson Trotman ministering to US Navy sailors in California. It has since grown to a world-wide organization, built solidly on Christ, prayer, witnessing, fellowship, and the Word. Here at the Academy, "Navs" meets once a week to hear the Word of God, join together in praise and worship music, and most importantly, meet and strengthen friendships. These relationships are the foundation to one-to-one discipleship, which is the heartbeat of the Nav ministry.

christian athletes

fellowship of

FCA is a ministry that serves to reach out to Midshipmen and introduce them to Jesus Christ and to develop, encourage and strengthen the faith and mental as well as moral fitness of those who know Jesus Christ.

The ministry of FCA here at the Naval Academy is unique in that we focus on reaching out to athletes who otherwise would not have an opportunity to meet, fellowship and study the word of God due to scheduling conflicts.

campus girl scouts

campus girl scouts

Campus Girl Scouts is an organization for all midshipmen. Both men and women participate in our activities that reach the community and local Girl Scout Troops. Our members are dedicated to helping anyone in need and participating in activities that they have enjoyed throughout their life.

officer representative:
lt jason fox
president:
1/c vanessa guthrie
vice president:
1/c rebecca zehr
treasurer/secretary:
1/c mary-elizabeth doty

masqueraders

masqueraders

The Masqueraders are the Naval Academy's drama group as well as the oldest ECA. Masqueraders provide the Naval Academy family, friends, and community with theatrical performances throughout the year. In the fall, they put on a full-stage production. This year it was "MacBeth". During the second semester, the Masqueraders host One-Acts. These are one-act plays that are written and directed by Midshipmen.

officer representative:
lt brown, usn
president:
1/c joel godfrey
treasurer:
1/c brandr beekman-ellner
secretary:
2/c cassidy rasmussen

jewish midshipmen club

officer representative:
cdr elson, usn
president:
2/c marshall hoffman
vice president:
2/c rebecca wolf
treasurer:
4/c adam schuman
secretary:
2/c jeremy smith

The purpose of the Jewish Midshipmen Club is to provide fellowship to Jewish Midshipmen. Tuesday nights find the Midshipmen enjoying guest speakers, pizza, and the joy of making new friends. Weekly meetings allow mids to learn from others' life experiences and develop lifelong friendships.

black studies club

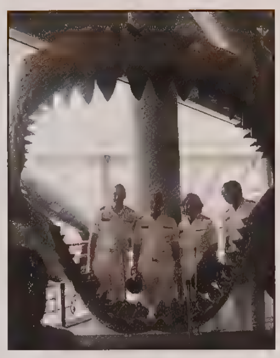
The mission of the black studies club is to educate the Brigade of Midshipmen about the history and culture of African-Americans in order to instill cultural awareness and a sense of pride among all Midshipmen.

team bill

Team Bill is a BSA that cares for the Naval Academy goats and represents the Naval Academy at sporting events, naval ceremonies, and other events in the Annapolis area. Midshipmen are selected for the team at the beginning of their youngster year by means of an interview process and soon afterward are indoctrinated into the team through a ceremonial cleaning of the goats.

oceanography club

The oceanography club is an organization of midshipmen enthusiastic about and actively involved in the study of the ocean and atmospheric sciences. The club presently includes over 280 midshipmen. The oceanography club sponsors monthly service projects to restore the health of the Chesapeake Bay. Additionally, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration annually sends representatives to share project updates and to instruct students in SCUBA diving and restoration procedures.



officer representative:
lcdr (sel) delk
president:
david wright

dolphin club

The Dolphin Club provides midshipmen with contact information for submariners on the yard and to be involved with various activities involving the submarine community.

officer representative:
lt long
president:
joseph huck
vice president:
chris keithley
treasurer:
taylor bond
secretary:
isaiah gammache

campus crusade for christ

Campus crusaders are Midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy who serve their great nation but above all else serve their awesome God. They are committed to constantly seeking the face of God and giving him the glory for all that they accomplish. Their ambition for life is to know and follow after the Lord, as He leads them in all that they do.

national eagle scouts of america

At any given time, there are on average just under 400 MIDN Eagle Scouts here at USNA. Eagles begin their Plebe year at approximately 10% of their class and complete the four years as approximately 14% of their graduating class. Their rate of attrition is very low! On average, Eagles are in the top 17% of their graduating class.

protestant midshipmen club

The mission of PMC is to reach out to the Brigade of Midshipmen and to provide an environment of Christian fellowship, discipleship, and spiritual development. This includes retreats and speakers which gave great insight for developing and solidifing moral beliefs in order to be ready for the Fleet and the Marine Corps.

team philo

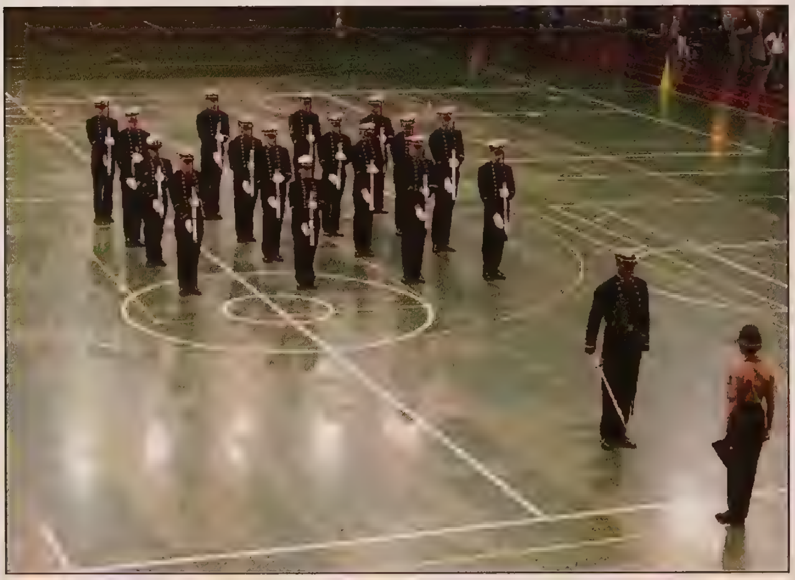
Team Philo's Mission is to support the Brigade of Midshipman and produce positive public relations in a variety of activities through presence and spirit. The team serves as a BSA that attends multiple sporting events throughout the year in order to deliver "The Spirit of the Brigade" to varsity sports, club sports, and intramural sports. They shoot candy and blare their air horn at home football and lacrosse games. They further serve as a cornerstone at Pep-Rallies as well as a mode of transportation for the Superintendent, Commandant, and Deputy Commandant. They serve as a vehicle of positive public relations with Annapolis through participation in march overs and Annapolis parades

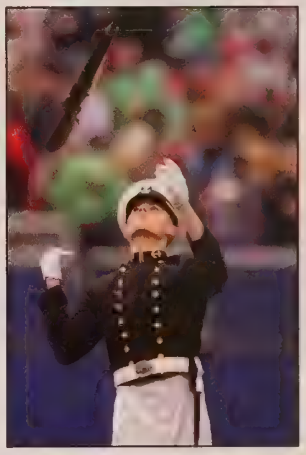
silent drill team

the jolly rogers

The USNA Silent Drill Team, known as the Jolly Rogers, is a brotherhood of men and women that is America's elite. It is classified as a BSA and fulfills the midshipmen's extracurricular activity requirement. The Silent Drill Team's mission includes representing the Brigade of Midshipmen at various activities ranging from parades to organized drill competitions against other service academies and college ROTC units. The team is led by midshipmen, with an officer and enlisted representative in an advisory role. The new academic year brought a revamped routine. The Rogers had such a great turnout from it's motivational recruiting video that they were able to establish a plebe performing block. So, with a halftime show for Navy/Notre Dame game as well as the Navy homecoming game there were several opportunities to see a great Silent Drill Team show. This year also welcomed a new gunny to the family, Hoorah Gunny Bradley, USMC and bid farewell to a great man, Semper Fi Gunny James, USMC. Well, it's time to hit the drill deck hard. Semper Fidelis.

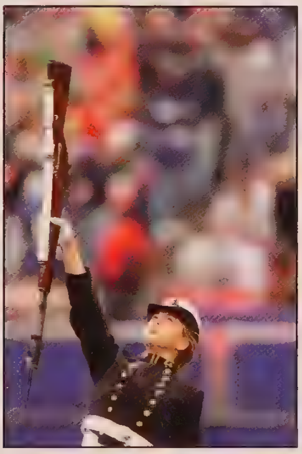
right three photos: the jolly rogers perform during halftime at a home football game. left: navy silent drill team at villanova.





top: silent drill team at practice. middle left: a member of the silent drill team holds her rifle up during the halftime show. middle: the team's awards from the competition at villanova. right: the co of the jolly rogers braves the "co killer" during the halftime show. bottom left: the team "tries" to avoid hitting the co as they practice the "co killer". middle: the team relaxes after its competition. right: halftime.

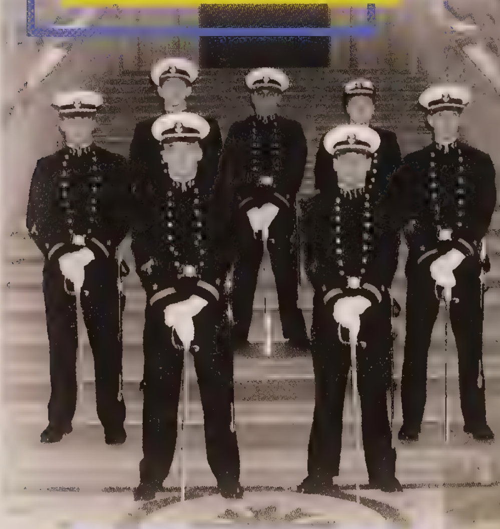
president:
1/c brian schexnayder
vice president:
1/c andrew reaves
supply:
tiffany brandon
weapons:
matthew mckinley



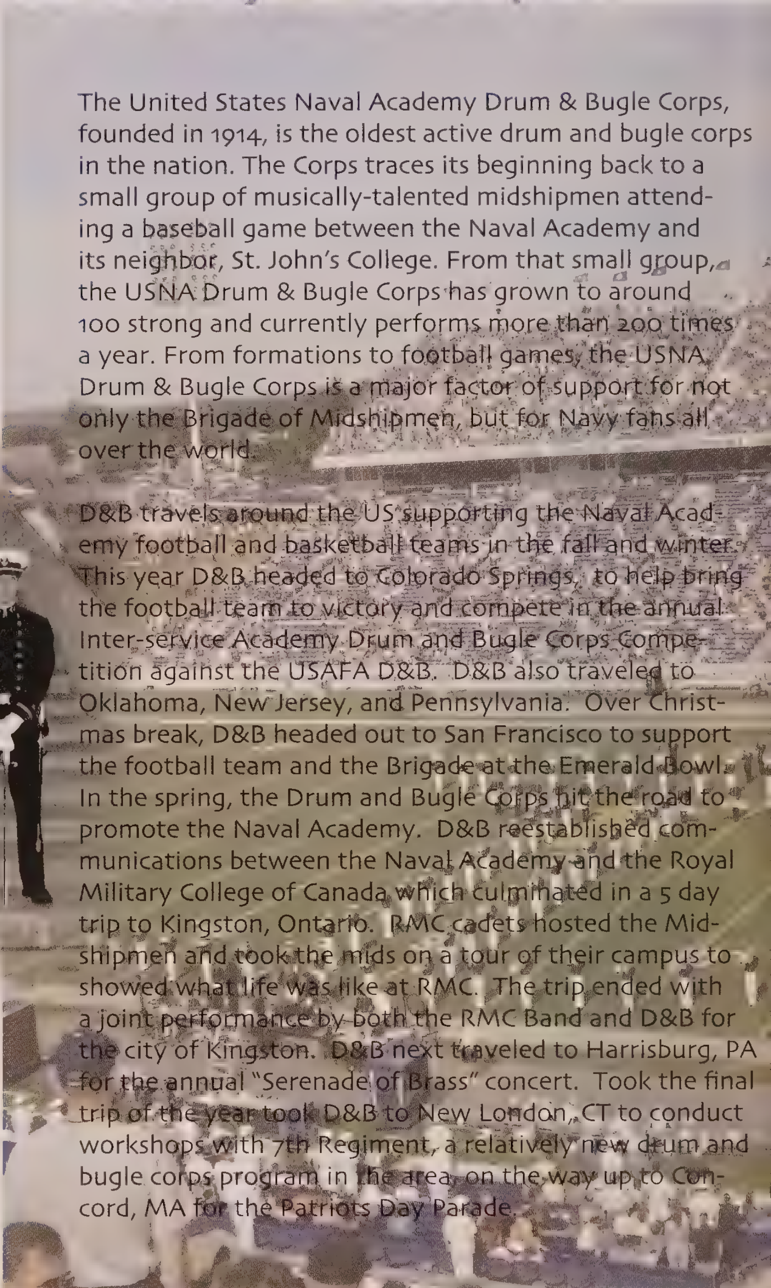
drum and bugle corps

drum and bugle corps

fall '04
co:
1/c joseph cantu
xo:
1/c david exner
ops:
1/c nicole pelton
suppo:
1/c brent schneider
admin:
1/c justin middlebrook



spring '05
co:
1/c joshua weiss
xo:
1/c samuel murray
ops:
1/c brent schneider
suppo:
1/c joseph cantu
admin:
1/c justin middlebrook



The United States Naval Academy Drum & Bugle Corps, founded in 1914, is the oldest active drum and bugle corps in the nation. The Corps traces its beginning back to a small group of musically-talented midshipmen attending a baseball game between the Naval Academy and its neighbor, St. John's College. From that small group, the USNA Drum & Bugle Corps has grown to around 100 strong and currently performs more than 200 times a year. From formations to football games, the USNA Drum & Bugle Corps is a major factor of support for not only the Brigade of Midshipmen, but for Navy fans all over the world.

D&B travels around the US supporting the Naval Academy football and basketball teams in the fall and winter. This year D&B headed to Colorado Springs, to help bring the football team to victory and compete in the annual Inter-service Academy Drum and Bugle Corps Competition against the USAFA D&B. D&B also traveled to Oklahoma, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. Over Christmas break, D&B headed out to San Francisco to support the football team and the Brigade at the Emerald Bowl. In the spring, the Drum and Bugle Corps hit the road to promote the Naval Academy. D&B reestablished communications between the Naval Academy and the Royal Military College of Canada which culminated in a 5 day trip to Kingston, Ontario. RMC cadets hosted the Midshipmen and took the mids on a tour of their campus to showed what life was like at RMC. The trip ended with a joint performance by both the RMC Band and D&B for the city of Kingston. D&B next traveled to Harrisburg, PA for the annual "Serenade of Brass" concert. Took the final trip of the year took D&B to New London, CT to conduct workshops with 7th Regiment, a relatively new drum and bugle corps program in the area, on the way up to Concord, MA for the Patriots Day Parade.

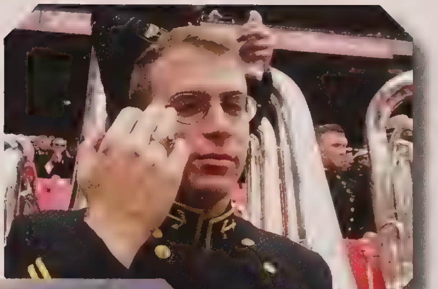
baritones getting down!

mellowing mellos

sharp looking sops

contras lead the way, hooah!

5° above parallel



top: 1/c josh weiss blinging his ring. left: so much for the horn cages, silly plebes. below: d&b in san franscico

drummers drumming along

"jefe" for president!

drum major john weier

staff
director:
jeff weir
o-rep:
cdr craig felker
capt will dubyak
e-rep
lnc adrienne brooks
drum majors:
1/c john weier
2/c nicholas denison
2/c stephen whiteway

latin-american studies club

One facet of the LASC, is dance lesson which are held every Thursday in Macdonough Hall. Lessons begin with the basic steps for salsa and various other dances. The first 10-15 minutes are for review of the basic steps and the rest of the time is spent practicing with the music.

ultimate frisbee

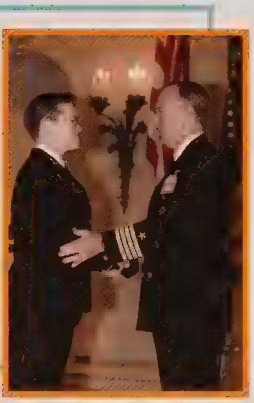
firsties:
adam bryan

jake cosme

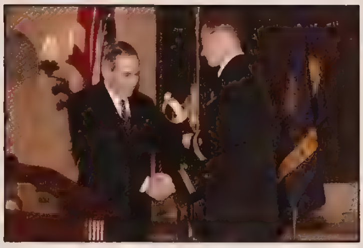
michael warren

USNA ultimate frisbee is currently an active ECA, and is on track to once again be classified as a club sport. USNA ultimate frisbee is not a new team, but has been around since the 1980s. At that time they were a club sport and were a nationally ranked team on a year to year basis. Hopefully, once they return to club status they can compete once again on a similar level. USNA ultimate frisbee consists of members of the brigade of midshipmen from all classes, races, and genders. Any member of the Brigade is encouraged to come out and give it a shot regardless of playing level.

yard patrol squadron



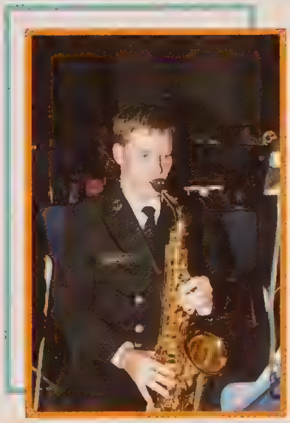
YP 684
YP 680



The Yard Patrol Squadron provides interested midshipmen with an opportunity to train aboard the YPs and visit area ports such as Baltimore, Norfolk, and Philadelphia. Bi-weekly practices and competitions allow mids to hone their navigation and command skills. While a part of the YP squadron, midshipmen can obtain their YP Commanding Officer Qualification. This year the French Navy presented first semester's YP squadron's commodore, 1/c Caleb Humbred with the French sword in recognition of his dedication to navigation and seamanship. 1/c Carol Lee commanded the squadron during the second semester.

trident brass

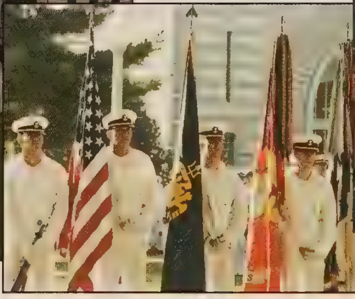
The Trident Brass is a Midshipmen-only jazz band. This year the band performed during the I-Ball, the annual St. Johns/USNA croquet tournament, King Hall for Wednesday formal dinners, Commissioning Week, and the musical. This self organized ECA practices and plays their music for the benefit of the Brigade.



color guard

The Naval Academy Color Guard is composed of dedicated Midshipmen responsible for presenting the Colors at many Academy functions. They are present at all parades, noon meal formations, home football games, the Army-Navy game, community service activities, and collegiate drill meets. They bear the American flag, the Brigade of Midshipmen flag, and the battle colors of the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy.

clockwise from top: the color guard is at every parade, including plebe summer, in the chapel and at football games.



other eca's

competitive eca's

forensics
shooting club

non-competitive eca's

art club
association of computing machinery
chess club
french club
japanese american club
latter day saints students association
surface navy association
wrnv

academic eca's

american institute of aeronautics and astronautics
american nuclear society
american society of mechanical engineers
astronomy club
chemistry club
golden key national honor society
institute of electrical and electronics engineers
labyrinth
marine technology
math club
national society of collegiate scholars
omicron delta epsilon
phi alpha theta
phi kappa phi
physics
pi sigma alpha
pi tau sigma
sigma tau delta
society of american military engineers
society of automotive engineers
society of women engineers
socratic society
tau beta pi
upsilon pi epsilon

concert band

The Concert Band often played at smokers and in the Mess Hall at meals. Their informal concerts afforded an opportunity to relax and listen to such favorites as "The Grand Canyon Suite" and "The William Tell Overture." Each program contained a variety of music deigned to appeal to adherents of good band music.

na-10

10
10
10
10
10
10

For the smooth strains of the midnight medley at many Brigade hops, and for the roaring, bouncing Dixieland of several pre-game smokers, the NA-10 was a favorite band of many a mid. This orchestra provided an outlet for the musicians in the Brigade and proved the calibre of the talent to be found within Bancroft Hall.

1955 eca's

the hell cats

The Drum and Bugle Corps was perhaps the most regularly functioning organization within the Brigade. The "Hell-Cats" played twice daily at meal formations. Their martial music at parades and their smart appearance at football games were always a source of pride to the Brigade.

masqueraders

The Masqueraders furnished an outlet for those possessing a talent and interest in the dramatic arts. In so doing, they furnished a lot of fine entertainment to the rest of the Brigade. Their annual show was eagerly awaited by all, and the four evening stand that filled two weekends allowed all hands to witness a performance. Careful casting and selection of plays and excellent directing and production assured a hit performance that was enthusiastically received every year.

antiphonal choir

catholic choir

glee club

chapel choir

1955 eca's

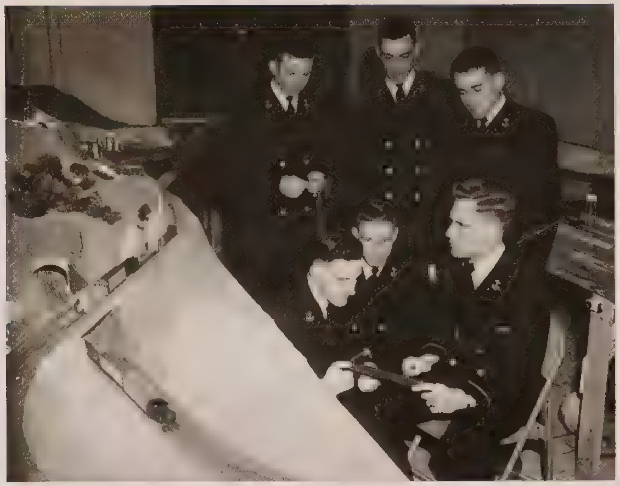
wrnv

Throughout each week, WRNV was as punctual as the Bancroft Hall bells. Each day began with "Sunrise Serenade" and ended to the strains of "Dream Awhile." "Liberty Call" on Saturday began the weekend, and study music on Sunday ended it. WRNV furnished news and sports as well as music to fit the mood of each moment

model club

Before the widespread acceptance of blueprints, man used models as guides in building his houses, ships, and other necessities. Nowadays he again builds models--but for recreation. For the use of those who enjoyed this interesting hobby, the Model Club provided a shop for the building of model planes , ships, or whatever struck the individual's fancy. Included among the many projects was the building of model planes for flying in team competition

model railroad club



Running the Chesapeake and Allegheny Line in the First Wing basement, the Model Railroad Club pursued a hobby that was popular with many midshipmen. Model railroading was a fascinating hobby, and these men ran a layout that excited the wonder and admiration of all who saw it.

stamp club

The Stamp Club furnished diversion for all who enjoyed collecting and studying stamp issues from all over the world. This group spent enjoyable hours in discussing, trading, and exhibiting their collections. In addition to providing hours of recreation, this hobby can give an insight into the history and culture of many nations. The wide popularity of stamp collecting was mirrored in the size of the Stamp Club at the Naval Academy

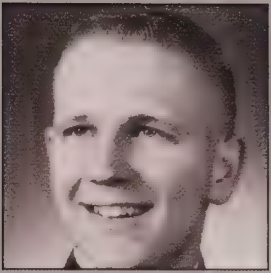
foreign relations club

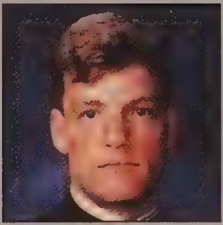
The Foreign Relations Club stimulated an interest in and promoted a great understanding of the position of the United States in relation to the other nations of the world. Through lectures and seminars they gained an insight into the basic foreign polices of our government. Such knowledge is a vital asset in any line of work, but it is particularly important in a service career.

reef points

Reef Points was our "Bible" during the busy days of Plebe Year. It served as a guide to all the customs and traditions of the Naval Academy. Between the covers, information on everything from Plebe Knowledge to the tradition of the cap and the girl could be found. Thus Reef Points was our teacher and almost constant companion for the whole of an unforgettable year.

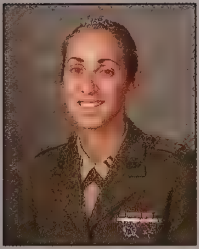
can you recognize these officers as midshipmen?





祭

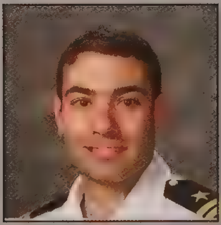
if not...compare


Capt Bruggeman

Cdr Reagans

Lt Drosinos

Lt Clark


Lt Casals

Maj Wadle

Cdr Traub

Lt Siegrist

Lt Gonzalez

Lt Chopek

Capt Leidig

VADM Rempt

Col Fuquea

Maj Hatala

Cdr Cuthbert

Lt Polk

Maj Mooney

Lt Boyd

Lt Sinclair

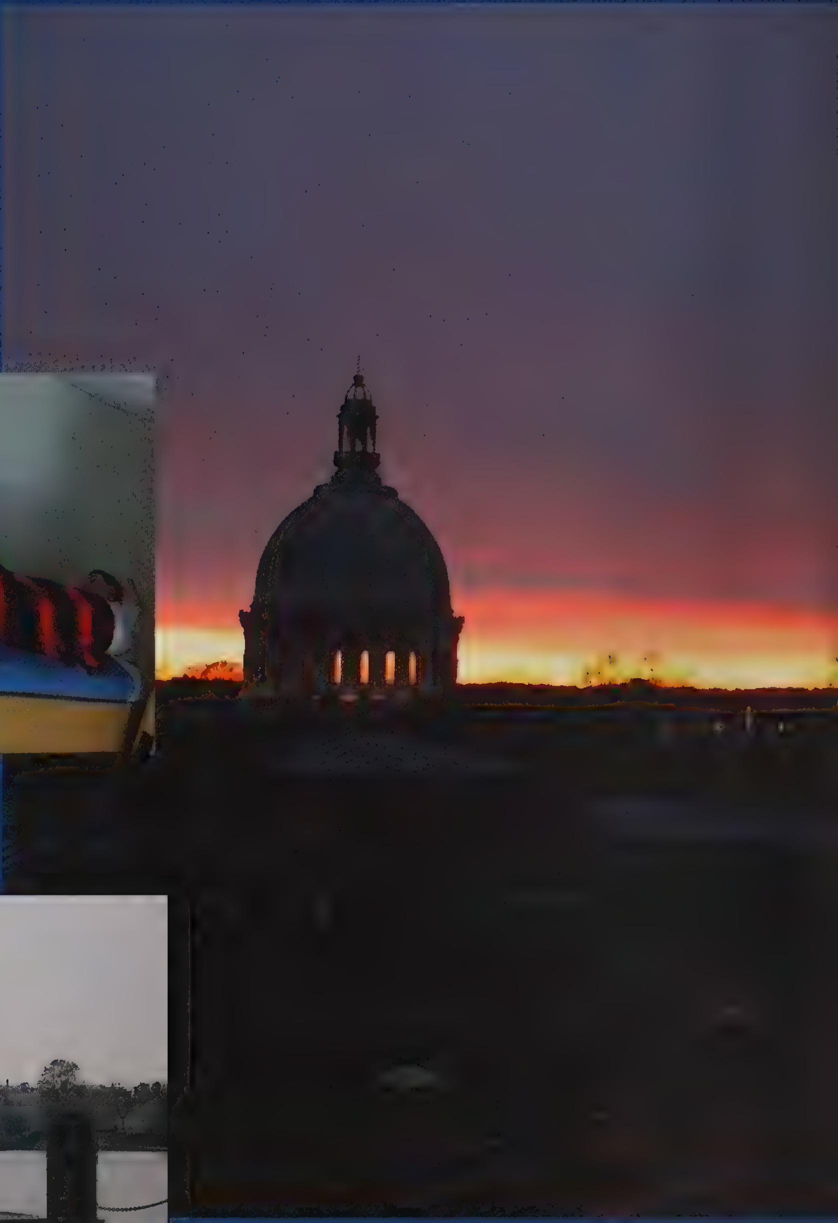
Cdr Smith

Maj Zaleski

Lt Phillips

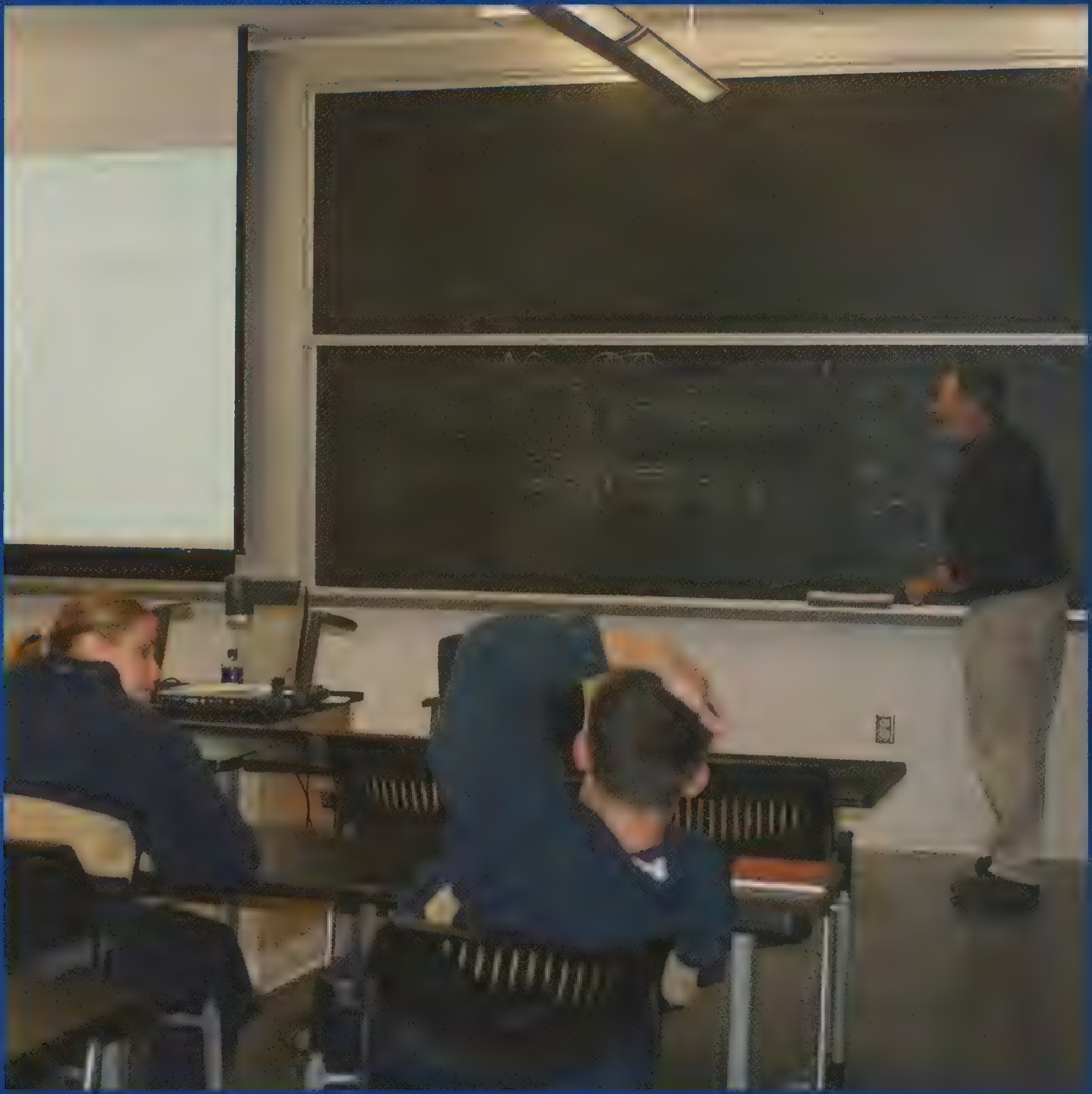
Lt Robbins

"Sunday's mean sleeping...



...until 4pm."

sunday

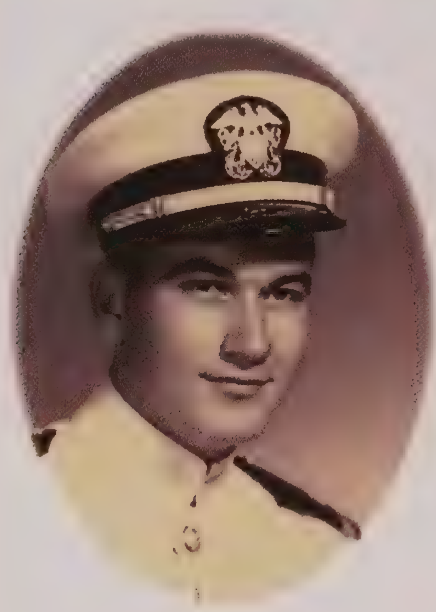


"It's back to the books, unless you are a 2nd semester firstie...

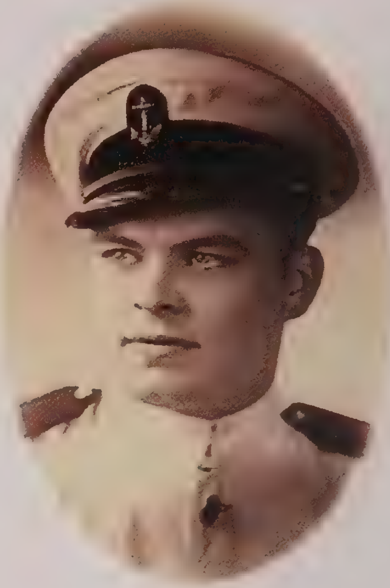
"Looks like it's gonna be hospital point…AGAIN!"

…then it's wardroom time."

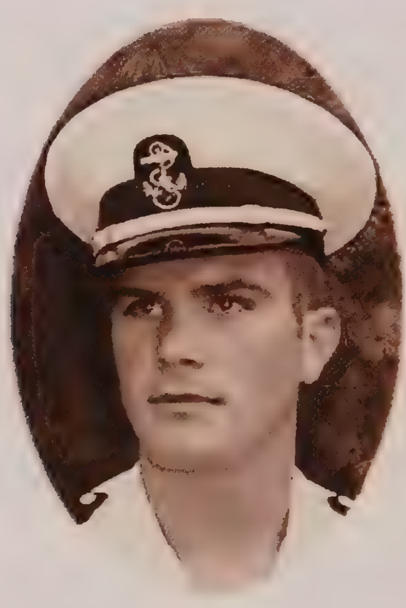
sunday



LTJG David Michael Hall
World War II
Grandfather



LCDR Louis Philip Smith
World War II, Korea
Grandfather



ENS David Michael Hall, III
U.S. Naval Academy, Class of
2005

Congratulations
Ensign Natalie Maria Augustine

Congratulations on a job well done, and four years of hard work and great accomplishments.
You are a wonderful daughter and sister. We love you and are very proud of you. Now let the Journey begin!
Spread your wings and fly!
Love ya!
MOM, DAD, MICHELLE, JASON, ABUELITA, ABUELITO, AND KURO

Here's to clear water,
a sandy beach,
favorable winds,
and a successful
Navy career.

Congratulations!

Love,
Dad, Mom
and Jessica

Congratulations
Ensign Thomas R.Bock

You've grown into an outstanding young man, an officer,
a leader and a gentleman. Our pride at seeing you commissioned is as unbounded as the skies you will soon visit.
Thanks for being a great son and brother.

Love, Mom, Dad and Eileen

Ensign Paul Michael Bania

Paul Michael,

Thank you for giving us so many wonderful memories of your four years at The Academy. We are immensely proud of you and can't wait to watch as the next chapters unfold. Anchors Aweigh! Love,

Mom & Dad

Congratulations Ensign Jay B. Border, II

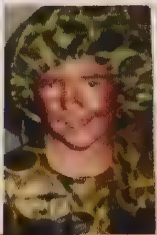
We are so proud of you, proud of all you have accomplished and proud of the man you have become.

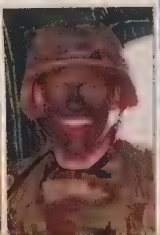
May God continue to bless you and keep you safe.

Congratulations to the Class of 2005.

We love you forever,
Mom, Dad, Andrew and Daniel

"Go confidently in the direction of your dreams...live the life you have imagined."
Thoreau





Congratulations
Ensign Matthew Campbell

Dear Matt,

We are so very proud of you. Once again, you stepped up to the challenges over the past four years and handled them like the champion you are. Your tremendous sense of humor and unwavering perseverance are only two of your many assets that fuel your accomplishments. As you head off to flight school, you begin the next exciting chapter of an ever-promising life. You leave behind four wonderful years of memories and countless numbers of friends as you head toward your rendezvous with destiny and the fulfillment of unlimited potential. Remember to stay strong in your beliefs, work hard everyday, keep your family close and trust in the Lord.

We love you so much,
Dad, Mom Steve and Maggie

Congratulations
Ensign David A. Ziemba, USN

Remembering the past years brings happiness, tears, and laughter. We are so proud of all you have accomplished and admire the young naval officer you have become. May God watch over you - the future is yours.
Love Always,

Congratulations
Ensign Eric Reidelbach
14th Company

From your first uniform to your present you have been a wonderful son and made us so very proud.

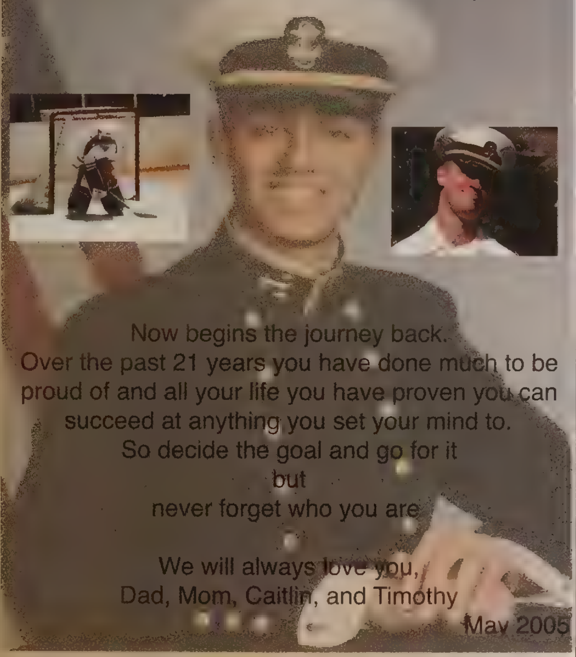
Know our love and prayers are always with you.

Love, Mom, Dad, Adam, and Carol

P.S. Go Big Red!

Matthew

From Admiral to Ensign in just four years.



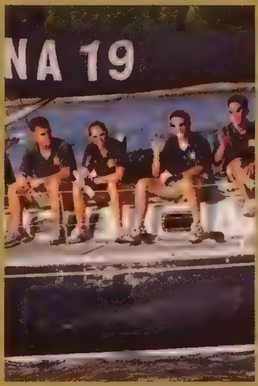
Now begins the journey back.
Over the past 21 years you have done much to be proud of and all your life you have proven you can succeed at anything you set your mind to.
So decide the goal and go for it
but
never forget who you are

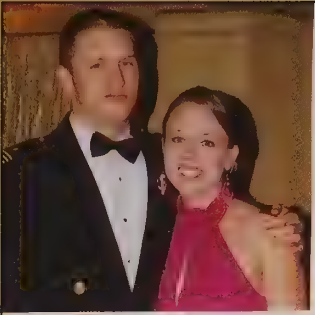
We will always love you,
Dad, Mom, Caitlin, and Timothy
May 2005

Congratulations
Ensign Andrew James McCaffrey

Son, no parents have ever been prouder then we are of you, not only because of thour numerous accomplishments, but also because of the man you have become. All that you are, you are, because of the gifts given to you by God. Protect and nuture these gifts for someday you will be called upon to give an accounting of your stewardship. Till that time may your have clear skies, favorable winds and God as your co-pilot.

CLASS OF 2005
USNA
HONOR
COURAGE
"To walk with honor"
COMMITMENT
USNA





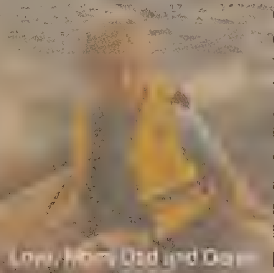
Congratulations To Second Lieutenant Edward C. Brown

Your journey to honor the pledge you made on June 29, 2001
Has been filled with commitment and hard work.
We watch you maintain a firm, steady focus - always careful
To never let your duties be shirked.
Our duty will be to provide support as you follow God's leadership
Striving to uphold freedom and prevent its perish.
Your family is proud to have you sacrifice much of life's frivolity to
Help maintain the lifestyle we all cherish.

Much Love and Appreciation,
Mom, Dad, Nancy, John, Jessica, Grandmama, Granddaddy, Mama J, Papa J, and Lauren

Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. "Explore. Dream. Discover." Mark Twain

You stayed the course and have already accomplished so much. Continue to follow your dreams, knowing that wherever you go God is always with you and your family is behind you. Continue, with your gentle strength and your undeniable determination, to fill the world with humor and love. We're all so proud of you!



Love, Mom, Dad and Dawn

[illegible]

Your family stands wit you. God bless you and keep you.
Love, Mom, Dad, Jordan, and Jacob

Son... brother... wrestler... Marine!

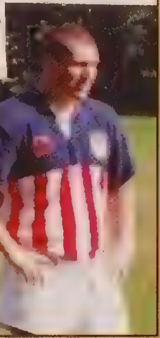
2nd LT. Damon A. Doykos, USMC

It is a joy to remember you as a little boy, but an even greater joy to see the man you have become.

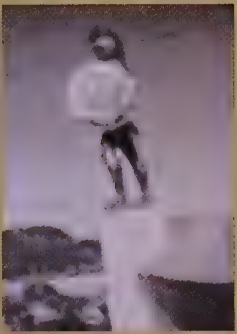
You have always filled our lives with proud moments-
We love you-

Forever and Always-
Mom, Dad, and Aris

ELEGANT VIOLENCE



The sacrifice of a few good men dedicating thier lives to freedom, can preserve a nation for all!



Congratulations

MICAH STEINPHAD!

God grant victory in all you do! We are so proud of you!

All our love,

Your family and friends

Most,

It's not so mu[illegible]'s ability as it is his ch[illegible] that determine a mans [illegible] success in life.

Lo[illegible]

[illegible]

Shawna McGinnis

When you entered the academy as a plebe, until present, we have watched you blossom into a mature, beautiful and self confident young woman. The road has not always been easy, but God has been with you throughout your education providing you with the strength that you needed during the tough times. You have been blessed with the knowledge, patience and perseverance that has enabled you to accomplish this feat.

Remember, as you venture out into the world with the knowledge that gad holds you in His hands, always know that no matter where you are, that our love and prayers will always be with you.

God Bless,
Love you,

Dad and Mom

Blessed is the man who persevers under trial, because when he has stood the test h will recieve the crown of life that God has promised to those who love Him.

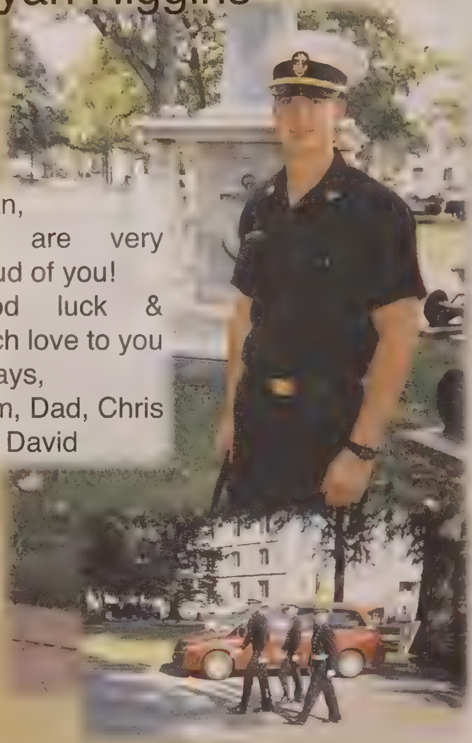
Jeremiah 1:12

USNA Parents and Sponsors Club of Maryland salutes our 2005 Graduates - Fair Winds and Following Seas

Brett Abbamonte, David Ball Jr, Margot Beausey, Matthew Bettencourt, John Blomeke, Jamie Brant, Dane Brown, James Charapich, Jeffrey Chewning, Sarah Coulthard, Samantha, Craig, Colleen Dennison, Ryan Delin, Michael Dixon, Patrick Drosinos, McIntosh Ewell, Christine Floeck, Latesha Ford, Mitchell Hendler, Benjamin Herring, Lawrence Heyworth, John Holthaus, Allison Maas, Andrew McCaffrey, William McGrath, Allen Murphy, Mark Nostro, Sean O'Neill, Mathew Ostrye, Nicole Pelton, Reginald Sealey, Christopher Shank, Jason Shell, Brian Smith, Alfred Traylr, Eva Tukarski, Eric Vanlandingham, Matthew Wilckens, Chester Williams, Christopher Yenias

Congratulations Michael Allert!

Ryan Higgins



Ryan,
We are very proud of you!
Good luck & much love to you always,
Mom, Dad, Chris and David

LINDSAY ANDERSON

We know a small part of the struggle you experienced during the past four years to reach your goal. Words cannot describe the pride we have in acknowledging that you are our daughter and just how proud we are of you.

Love you,
Daddy, Mommy, Gary Steven and all of your family & friends

ENS Brielle Adamovich we are all so proud of you.

Brielle
Adamovic

You have always been a very interesting child and now woman. You constantly challenge yourself and succeed.

After winning a state championship in North Carolina you had the courage to leave and go to Bolles.

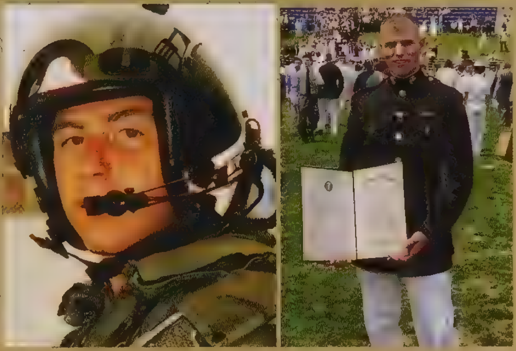
As if that were not enough you took on the greatest challenge of your life by attending the United States Naval Academy.

You have the ability to accomplish many great things with out losing knack of being able to enjoy the little things in life that really count. You know how to stop to smell the roses.

Good luck in your upcoming adventure in the Navy and know that ALL of your family is behind you and are very proud of you and love you very much.

Love, Mom, Dad, Mera, Ashley, Shayna, and All of your Family

Second Lieutenant
John C. Fraser
U.S.M.C.

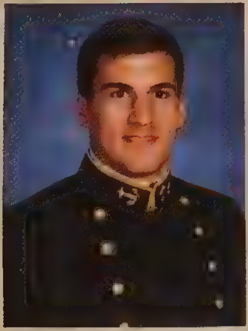


"Excellence doesn't just happen. It must be forged, tested and used. It must be passed down and wove into the very fabric of our soul until it becomes our nature"

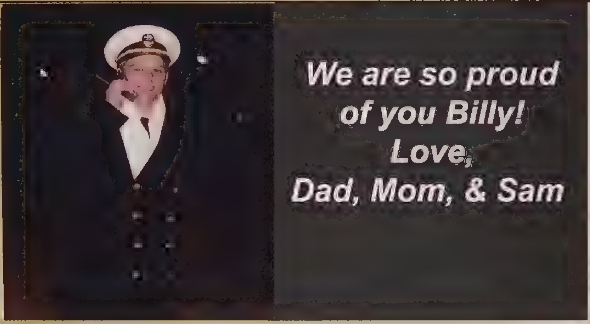
General Charles C. Krulak 31st Commandant U.S.M.C.

Semper Fidelis
Love Always,
Mom and Dad

CONGRATULATIONS
FRANK



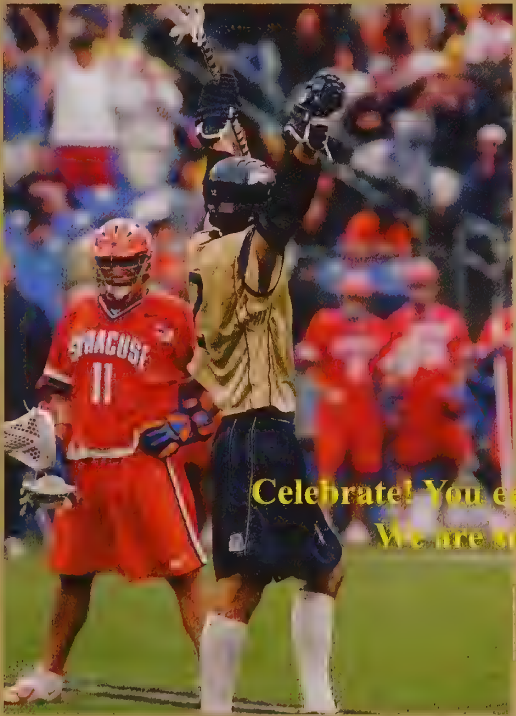
Dad, Mom and Jennifer



We are so proud of you Billy!
Love,
Dad, Mom, & Sam

In matters of style, swim with the current, in matters of principle, stand like a rock.
- Thomas Jefferson

Congratulations Ensign Graham Gill



Celebrate! You earned it!
We are so proud of you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Bill, Kelly, Erin and Ryan

Congratulations Ensign Christiana M. Floeck

You were always a thinker (even at 3) and a leader
(as chief Elf in the Christmas show)!
Your journey had just begun......

Along the way, your family ties have been very important to you, and you have been very important to us!

Many stops on that
journey were
on horseback.....

Your journey took a
turn into the
softball field....

We are all so proud of you, your
accomplishments, where you've come from
and where you are going! m/a always!
Love, Mom, Lee, Anna, Chad

Success isn't measured
by the position you reach
in life; it's measured by
the obstacles you
overcome.
Booker T. Washington

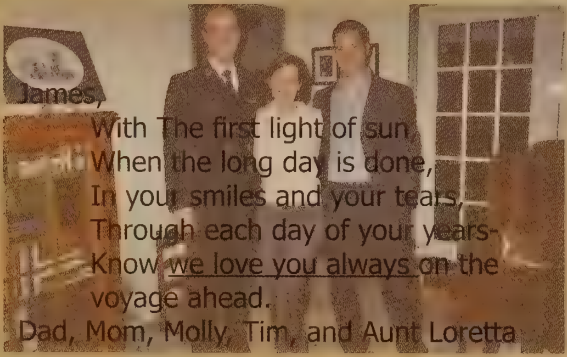
Congratulations to all graduating members of the Class of 2005!
Our prayers will be with you!

Faith: All things are possible to him who believes
Mark 9:23

Congratulations Jessica!

Your hard work and perserverance have brought you success. We're very proud of you.

Love,
Mom, Tiffany, and the Beagle Duo



James,
With The first light of sun
When the long day is done,
In your smiles and your tears,
Through each day of your years-
Know we love you always on the
voyage ahead.
Dad, Mom, Molly, Tim, and Aunt Loretta

Congratulations
Gregory "Nick" Larkin!

Your Persistence, dedication, resilience, tenacity and ingenuity gives your family and friends the deepest sense of pride!
WE LOVE YOU!

Congratulations, 2nd LT. David John Blossom II, USMC

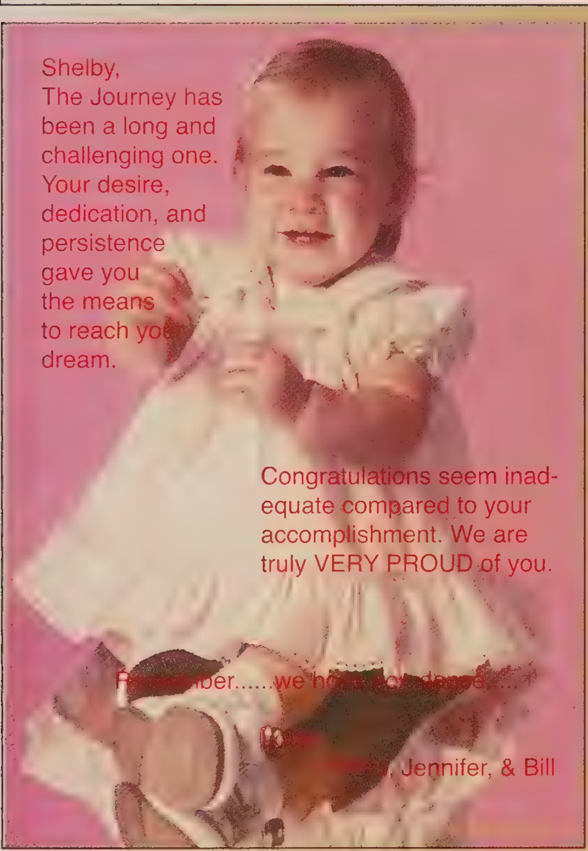
My son, never forget the things you've been taught...for favor with God and man, a reputation for good judgement and common sense, trust the Lord completely...put God first and He will direct you and reward your efforts.
Proverbs 3:1-6

You set the goal and never wavered.
You have made us proud every moment of every day.
Whatever your accomplishments,
all will know that
You are one of the Few, The Proud
A MARINE.
Awesome!

You are Loved by-
Your entire FAMILY

Finally, find your strength in the Lord. Put on the full armor of God so that when the day of evil comes, you will be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything to stand, STAND!

Ephesians 6:10-13

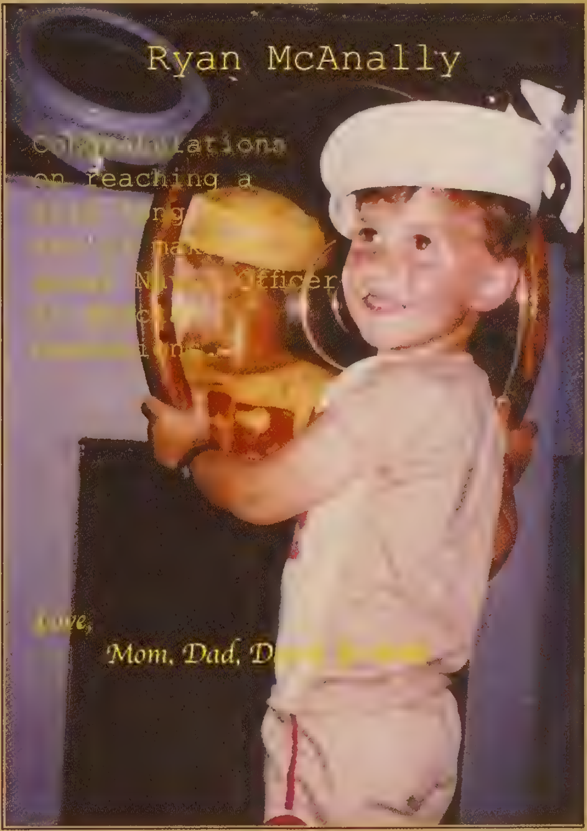


Shelby,
The Journey has been a long and challenging one. Your desire, dedication, and persistence gave you the means to reach your dream.

Congratulations seem inadequate compared to your accomplishment. We are truly VERY PROUD of you.

Remember......we have [illegible]......

Love,
[illegible], Jennifer, & Bill



Ryan McAnally

Congratulations
on reaching a
[illegible]
[illegible]
[illegible] Naval Officer
[illegible]
[illegible]

Love,
Mom, Dad, D[illegible]

Congratulations!

Travis Scott Hail

On August 25th 1982 we recieved a blessed gift from the lord and your life's journey began. With pride and love, from that time until now. we have seen you pass through many different legs of that journey. Some have been joyful such as your acceptance of Jesus Christ as Savior, your strong leadership during your high school years and your appointment to the Naval Academy.

We are thankful for the education and preperation for life you have recieved. Now you are ready to embark on another leg of that journey- your dream of becoming a United States Navy Pilot has become a reality!
While on life's journey may you always serve your Lord and Country with integrity and excellence.
We love you, Mom, Dad and Trish

Where can I go from your spirit?
Where can I glee from your prescence?
If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
If I make my bed in the depths you are
there.
If I rise on the wings of dawn.
If I settle on the far side of the sea,
Even there your hand will guide me,
Your right hand will hold me fast.
Psalm 139: 7-10

You can do this!
We love you so much.
(Keep Aiming High!)
YUT
Mom & Dad

WAY TO GO JOSHUA BLACKMAN

USNA PHOTO needs to inserted here.

WE'VE ALWAYS
BELIEVED IN YOU!
AND WE
ALWAYS WILL!

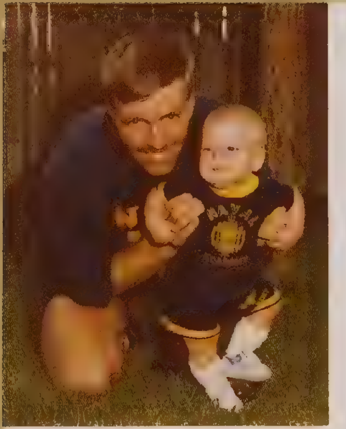
From this To this

From your very proud and loving family!

BRAD,

What a joy and blessing you are!
Congratulaions...We are all so proud of you!
Love always,
Mom, Dad, Julia, Elizabeth

Tyler B. McDonald



Son of a Son of a Sailor
~Jimmy Buffet, 1978

As the son of a son of a sailor
I went out on the sea for adventure
Expanding the view of the captain and crew
Like a man just released from indenture

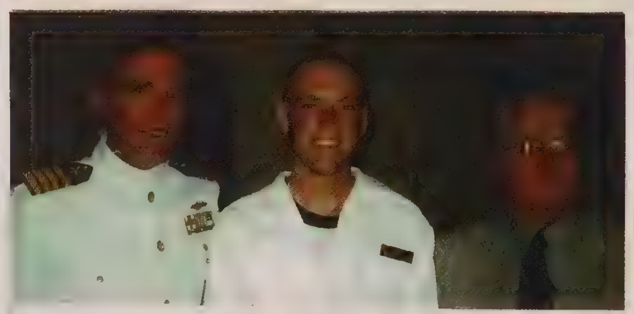
As a dreamer of dreams and a travelin' man
I have chalked up many a mile
Read dozens of books about heroes and crooks
And I learned much from both of their styles

Son of a son, son of a son
Son of a son of a sailor
Son of a gun, load the last ton
One step ahead of the jailer...

Haul the sheet in as we ride on the wind
That our forefathers harnessed before us
Hear the bells ring as the tight rigging sings
It's a son of a gun of a chorus

Where it all ends I can't fathom my friends
If I knew I might toss out my anchor
So I cruise along always searchin' for songs
Not a lawyer a thief or a banker...

I'm just a son of a son, son of a son
Son of a son of a sailor
The sea's in my veins, my tradition remains
I'm just glad I don't live in a trailer



Brad McDonald
USNA '77

Tyler McDonald
USNA '05

Mickey McDonald
USNA '49

ERNESTO ARBOLEDA

Congratulations Ari (Ernesto Ariel);
As a child we understtod your determination and observed as you leaped towards your dreams and aspirations. We are proud of your accomplishments and pray that as you continue your journey into adulthood you will continue to chase your dreams and aspirations. We will always love and suport you. Be good and noble.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Amanda

Kimberly

Who Knew?

"Combat Kim"

We did!!

Congratulations to our new

2nd LT KIM BONAFEDE, USMC

We all love you and continue to be **SO** very proud of you!

From,
Mom, Dad, & Patrick

UNITED STATES
NAVAL ACADEMY
FOUNDED 1845
USA TODAY

Kristen M. Gillan

USNA, Class of 2005

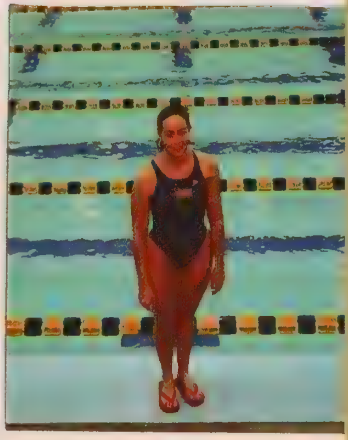
In 1992, thirteen years ago, we were tourist in Annapolis trying to take in all the sights. You didn't want to waste your time sight-seeing at a "stupid school" called the US Naval Academy. However, at the end of the tour you said, "This is where I'm going to go to school!"

Now after a year at NAPS and 4 years of dedicated hard work you've graduated as an Ensign in the US Navy from that "stupid school" ... one of the most prestigious schools in the world, the United States Naval Academy.

All your hard work has paid off and you are now a part of a long historic fraternity.

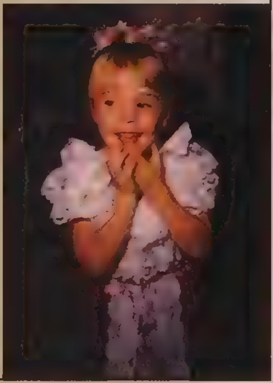
We are proud of you for what you have accomplished. But most of all we love you because of who you are.

All our love,
Mom, Dad and Robert

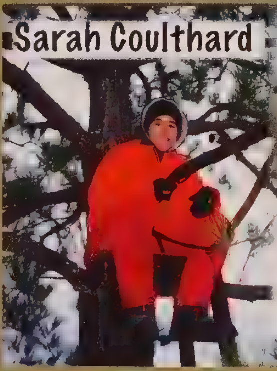


Diana Beauford

Where has it gone?
Our time has been so short.
We have watched in awe over the years as you have followed your dreams.
Now that time has arrived, we swll with pride having seen you realize your dream and know that there are many more to come.
Promise to always be true to yourself and keep on keeping on.
Mom and Pop

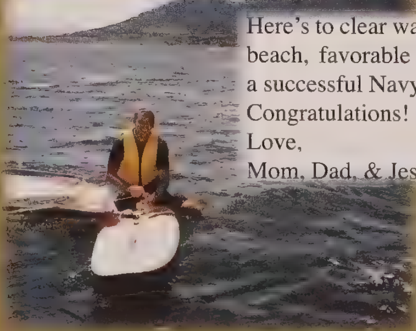


Sarah Coulthard

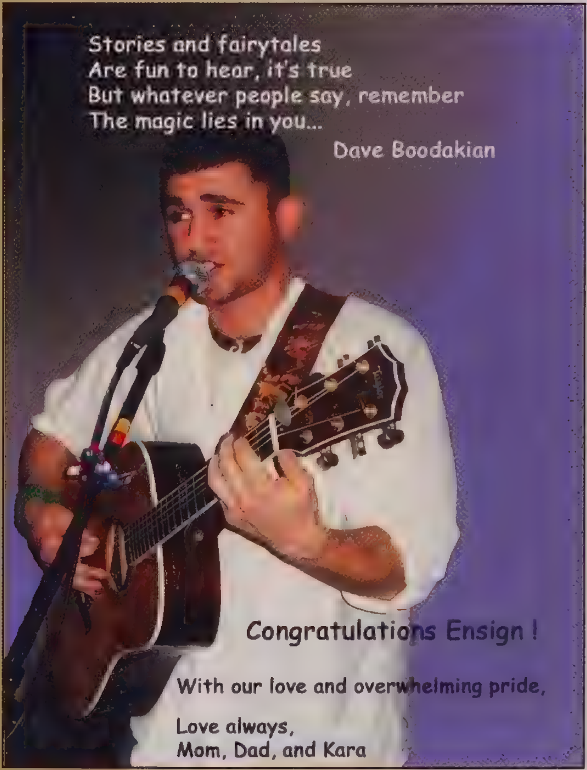


To my daughter, best friend, & hunting buddy. Congratulations on all of your accomplishments. I love you.

Aaron Dettman



Here's to clear water, a sandy beach, favorable winds, and a successful Navy career.
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, & Jessica



Stories and fairytales
Are fun to hear, it's true
But whatever people say, remember
The magic lies in you...
Dave Boodakian

Congratulations Ensign !

With our love and overwhelming pride,

Love always,
Mom, Dad, and Kara

Dennis Panos

Dear Son,
We are proud of the fine young man you have become. Just keep living up to your potential.
Thanks for being a wonderful son!

Love,
Mom & Dad

Windsor Frinell

Psalms 107: 23, 24
"They that go down to the sea in ships, that do business in great waters; these see the works of the Lord, and his wonders in the deep.

Congratulations and our Lords blessings.

MIDN JOE CANTU

CO, Drum and Bugle Corps

You have made us very proud.

Congratulations!

Fly High Young Man, on God's Wings!

We are so proud of you and blessed to be your parents and family!

Love Mom & Dad, Suzanne, Erik, Ben, Kelcey & Alex

ENSIGN MATTHEW DAVID BOYCE

Sean Toolan

OOHRAH, SEAN!!!
How proud we are of you and how we love you!
Always Faithful.
Mom, Dad, Cara, Beth

Dana Potak

102
AT3 POTAK
NAUGATUCK, CT

Dana,
PLEASE...
Pay attention in Flight School!
Our thoughts are with you and our prayers are for you.
We ask God to bless you abundantly, love you dearly, grant you his mercy & grace, watch over you always and hold you in the palm of his hand.
You are loved "Naliti" boy.
CONGRATULATIONS!
We're blessed and honored to call you our son and brother.

With love, respect, and admiration.
Mom & Dad
Jessy & LeAndrea

Christina Hayes

Congratulations, Christina!
We celebrate your accomplishments at the Naval Academy and wish you the best as a Marine Pilot.

Mom, Vanessa and John
Nana, the aunts, uncles, cousins and
your extended family of friends

Elliott Hultgren

For Elliott:
Love Mom and Dad

This blossom comes but once in a lifetime
Whose beauty increases over tume and then is full
The autumn comes and the blossom falls
A foundation is created for all good things to follow

A son for all sons, you have distinguished yourself
Disciplined, deliberate, celebrated, and successful
Toil, tears, and energy as much as talent, gift and charm
Transcending now to the finest of young men

With wings spread wide, the world becomes smaller
Yet challenges goals and threats become greater
Prepared and conditined is your strength to succeed
You do it with passion whatever the need

Your reason lies not in what you are today
But in what you will leave for tomorrow
You will grow in mind and body there is no doubt
Purpose yourself that many more blossoms may sprout.

Congratulations
ENSIGN BARRY CARMODY

The four years have gone by so fast.
You were determined and we wtched you succeed.
We love you and are very proud of you.

I-DAY

to

ARMY/NAVY

Brian Clegg '05

I think I shall eat these want-adds to
see which job tastes best.

Perhaps Air Force?

No, I'm off to the Naval Academy!

God be with you on your new adventure
as a **Marine Pilot**. *Chris and Bruce*

Congratulations
2nd LT. Michael D. Brennan
And the Class of 2005

A little boy is the only thing
God can use
To make a man.
- Anonymous

Try not to be a person of success.
But a person of value.
- Albert Einstein

An old man once said
Death is always smiling
On you. All you can do
Is smile back.
- Maximus

To our Sons in the Class of '05
You've followed your dreams and followed your heart
We are all so proud of you; Proud of what you have accomplished
And proud of what you have become

Jeffery Palmer
Two Rivers

Thomas Vomastic
West Allis

Jonathon Dettmer
Eau Claire

Victor Duenow
Prairie du Sac

Lucas Koran
Black River Falls

Matthew Wickersham
Nekoosa

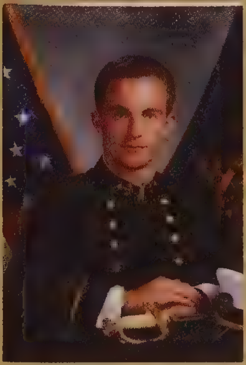
Robert Syre
West Allis

Doug Fitzpatrick
Green Bay

Wisconsin Naval Academy Parent's Association

Congratulations!

Congratulations and Gods's Blessings to Ensign Anthony James Cantafio, Jr.
Class of 2005

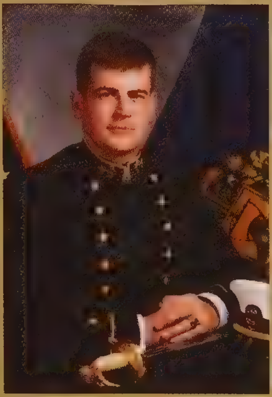


Just how proud we are of ou, you will never know. Not only have you succeeded in school, you have developed a character that shows compassion, holds strong beliefs, is caring of others, and is not afraid of doing the right thing. Academics are certainly important, and yet there is no grade that can represent what we feel about you as a person. It is beyond grades. We are very proud of you.

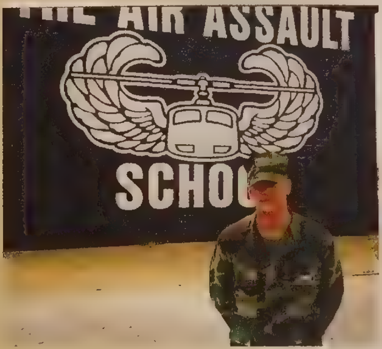
Love, Mom, Dad, and James

Wherever the future may lead, may you aways have the wisdom and the strength
to follow your dreams.
The courage and ambition to meet new challenges.
And may you know the happiness and pride
that comes with success.

WHEN YOU WERE A LITTLE BOY,
YOU STARTED EACH DAY WITH
WORDS **"IT'S ANOTHER PRETTY DAY."**
ZACK--IT IS INDEED
"ANOTHER PRETTY DAY"
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU.
WE LOVE YOU.
MOM & DAD



CONGRATULATIONS
ENSIGN ZACHARY CONATSER



BRANDR WILLARD BEEKMAN-ELLNER

Dear Brandr,

From the day you were born, I knew you were meant to fly, and- as you grew- to lead as well. Your times at LaSalle, the Academy, Georgetown, and Pensacola bring you farther along. Never forget the Lord and the ones who love you-the true "wind beneath your wings."

Love always, Mom

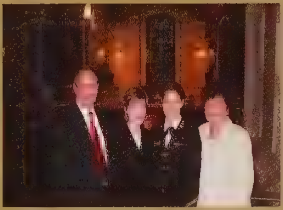
"But those who hope in the lord will renew
their strength. They will soar on wings
like eagles..." Isaiah 40:31

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Congratulations!

As your time at the Academy comes to an end you are seeing the completion of a great challenge. Now your eyes are set on the next goal before you-Flight School! With God as your guide and the love of your family always with you, success you will meet again. We love you and and are so very proud of you!

Mama, Daddy, and Mary Catherine



Nevada Parents Club
&
USSA PONN

Congratulates
2005 Graduates

Gieorag M. Andrews
Hamilton Neugent Ashworth
Steven Robert Schwarzer
John Michael Combes

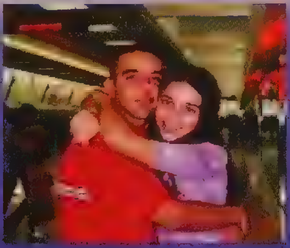
Ensign John Samuel Butler
Congratulations!
We are so proud of you!
Love, Dad, Mom, Kurt, Matt,
Gammy, and PopPop

Trevis

21 years has came and past with 21 more approaching fast. So cherish this time for your accomplishment as you prepare your way for retirement. We are so proud of you!

Love Mom, Dad and Travis

CONGRATULATIONS
2ND Lt Joseph Anthony Plot
U.S.M.C.



You once asked us: "What is the meaning of life?" We just stared at you and said, "You'll figure it out." Well, a few years later you told us the meaning of life and I quote: "Eat, sleep and go to the bathroom." You forgot one thing though: The pride we feel of seeing you graduate from the Academy. You also forgot "drive." You have taught us the meaning of drive and it is not the word next to neutral. Your drive to eat, sleep and go to the bathroom is unparallel to anybody we know, but that same drive was of use by carrying you over all hurdles in order to fulfill your dream of becoming an officer. One last thing about the meaning of life that we are sure you'll figure out soon enough and it has to do with that four letter word (get your head out of the gutter) because the word is LOVE. When you have your own children you'll understand; until then, TE QUEREMOS DE AQUI HASTA JAPON!!!

PAPI, MAMI Y AMANDA
SEMPER FI

Joseph Jindrich

Always had a "flair" for the nautical and flying.

Job well done Joe, shoot for the stars.
Love,
Mom, Dad, Grandma, ect. X 12

Derek...
Congratulations on your wonderful achievements. We are very proud of you!
Thanks for taking us along on your big adventure...
We love you...

Mom, Dad,
David & Tanner

Adam Lincoln Bryan

Adam,
We are so proud of you and all you have accomplished. Your hard work and determination have seen you through four challenging years that most young men and women could never imagine. We are thrilled for you that you will get the opportunity o become a Navy Pilot(it was in the genes!) Thank you for always being a loving son, brother, grandson, and friend. You set an example for us all. "Go carefully" and live well.

With all our Love, Mom, Dad, and Erica

Congratulations to the Class of '05, Company 24, and particulary Adam Becker and Jim Colgary (all 4 years together!)

Ross -
First born in our family -
leader in life

STOP
10444
11405

You and your buddies have run a great race!

We are so proud of you.

Congratulations, Mr. Ross

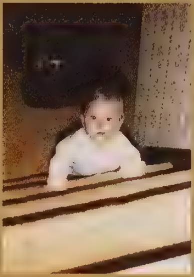
St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the battle
William Ross Cooper
St. Michaels Academy, 2001
United States Naval Academy, 2005

Congratulations

Ensign Jeffrey R. Coover

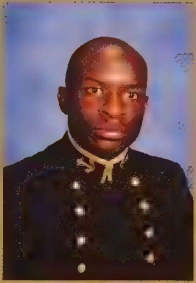
We are so proud of you!
You have always had the spirit to dream,
The courage to try,
And the dtermnation to succeed!

We love you,
Mom, Dad, and Becky



Jason,
You've made us proud
each step of the way!
Congratulations!
Love,
Mom, Dad, and Brad

Ashriel Saville Morgan



Congratulations
Love,
Mom, Dad, Siblings,
Nephews

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been alled according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

This is our beloved son in whom we are well pleased. God has brought you to another milestone, an opportunity that some can only imagine. He brought you over mountains and through valleys. For this we are thankful. We know that great things lie ahead for God is able to do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine according to His power.

BRAVO ZULU MIKE!

Serve well brother

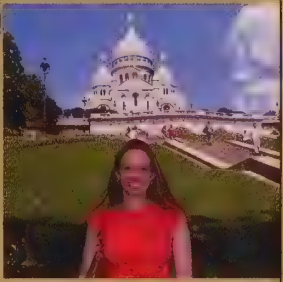
Piloting a P-3, age 5

On her first Navy ship, age 9 months

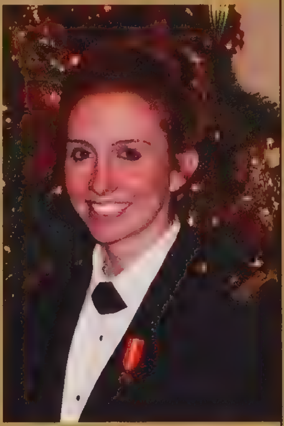
Congratulations Ensign Samantha Erin Craig

From the day you were born, you fulfilled our fondest dreams. As a baby you mastered walking and climbing by eight months and from that moment forward, never let anything hold you back. With great happiness we watched your tap, ballet, and jazz dance performances. How cute you looked in those colorful costumes! Your exceptional poise and grace on stage was only surpassed by your superb musical talents on the piano, flute, and piccolo. Those performances brought us unimaineable joy, especially the winter musicals in high school and at the Academy. In the classroom too, your abilities, resolve, and excellence made us beam with pride. Your public speaking and leadership skills continue to impress your family and friends. And your perserverance, compassion for others, and thoughtfulness inspire us all. As you continue writing these wonderful and exciting chapters in your life, know too, that we are most proud of the fine young woman you have become- beautiful, bright, strong, and successful.

On a foreign exchange cruise with the Australian Navy



In Paris for summer training



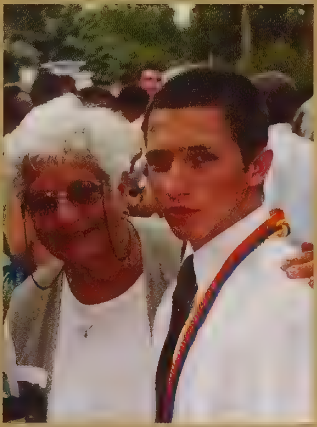
**With tremendous pride and love,
Mom, Dad, and Robin**

With Mom on I-Day

With Dad

Walter Ryan Dickson

Congratulations
We love you, Ryan.
Dad, Mom, Lauren, Amy & Zero
Grammy, Grandma & Grandpap



"Treat people as if they were what they ought to be
And you help them to become what they are capable off being."
-Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

To Drew,
From Plebe to Firstie, we are extremely proud of you for all you have accomplished over the past four years. You have grown into a responsible young man and always handle yourself with character and dignity. You have never lost that special smile your first grade teacher said "lit up the room." Thank you for letting us take this journey with you. We are proud to be your parents and brothers.

Best of luck as a
Navy Pilot!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Jonathan & Tim

Midshipman
Matthew
Paul
Dowler

With Love and
overwhelming
pride.
Mom, Dad and
Christopher

Charles Cunningham

"For the Lord your God is the One who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory." Deuteronomy 20:4

It was our honor to protect you during your younger years. Now, it will be honor to be protected by you during our latter years. We are proud of you and your accomplishments.

All Our Love, Always,
Mom and Dad

Congratulations Ensign Patrick A. Reilley!

From a sailor on the "party" boa to an Ensign on the Severn, determination has been your companion. Integrity and perseverance have guided you in reaching your goals. We are so proud to share your joy and wish you continued success in pursuing your dreams. May you be guided by your Faith and the loving support of your family as you set sail on the sea of life.

Love
Dad, Mom, Alison & Andrew

Rondo J. Bauer

The journey has just begun. Your strength and direction have always been right on target. We love you and look forward to what's ahead!

ENSIGN JENNIFER L. JONES CONGRATULATIONS!

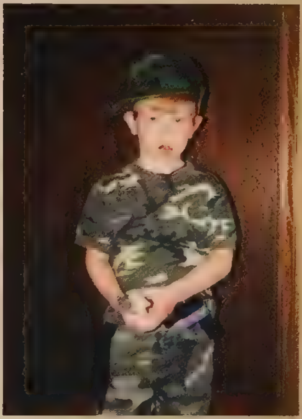
WE ARE VERY PROUD OF YOU!
LOVE,
MOM, DAD, MINI,
GRANDMA MANUSZAK,
AND GRANDMA &
GRANDPA JONES

Born to be a Marine!

Congratulations
2nd Lt. Aaron L. Reynolds

Your hard work and determination have led you to your dream.

We are so proud of you.
Love
Mom, Dad, Adam & Ashely

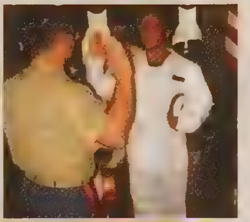


From a dream to reality -
WE knew you would do it!

Love,
Mom, Dad,
Shaun and Catie

CHRIS ROSE

NAVY' 05

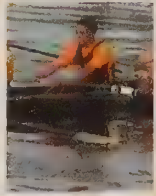


CONGRATULATIONS MI VIDA

Congratulations
Ensign Nicholas Roa!

With All Our Love
Fair Winds and Following Seas
May God Always Protect You

NAVY
CREW



PAT ROLLO

"MOTIVATED LEADER"

"GREAT PLAYER"

"LOVING SON &
BROTHER"

"TRUSTED FRIEND"

CONGRATULATIONS
YOUR #1 FANS
DAD, MOM, ROB, JON, KATH

CONGRATULATIONS
Ens. Douglas Andrew Robb

"There are 3 types of baseball players: those who make it happen, those who watch it happen, and those who wonder what happens."

**We love you and are so proud of you.
Mom, Dad and El**

Congratulations Ensign Roberts

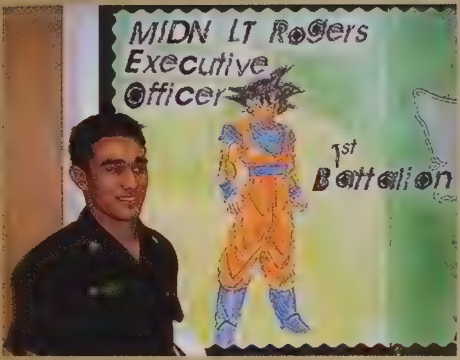
" 'For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.' "
Jeremiah 29:11

*Nick,
Coast to coast, country to country, our total support and deepest love will be with you. We are so proud of you!*

Mom, Russ, Matt and all of your family

Michael, Congratulations on your Graduation and Comissioning!

You have realized your dream to graduate from the Naval Academy. This is only the next step in your life and career.



We are proud of you. We give you our love and support for the future.

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations!!
Ens. Seth David Saalfeld, USN

From tractors to planes - you have come so far. Keep reaching and you will obtain your highest goals. Who knew the little boy in hite would become the man in whie you are today. We are so proud of you.

Love from your family
Mom, Dad, CJ, Kurt, Alyssa, Shan, Chad, Dillon, Payton, Gabrielle, Wendy, Bobby, Lily, DJ, Alysha, Danielle, Colton, Jason, Adam, Grandma & Papa

CONGRATULATIONS

BEN

LOVE,

MOM

DAD &

JACK

Dominic James Daly
USNA/USMC

Conratulations Devil Dog! We are proud of your accomplishments, so proud of you love of God and Country, and very prould to be the paretns of a true midshipman.

Sto-Lat, Love, Wealth, and Happiness,
Mom and Dad

Tyler Scharar

United States
Naval Academy
HAPEL AND CRYPT
NCROFT HALL
BLE HALL MUSEUM
MNI HALL
MISSIONS

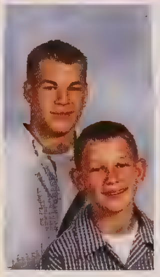
Congratulations, 2nd LT Brian Charles Schexnayder, USMC

2004-05 Commanding Officer, USNA Silent Drill Team

What a remarkable young man you are, Brian! Thank you so much! We are extremely proud of you and love you morre than you can ever know. May God bless, protect and guide you always.

All our love and devotion,
Mom and Dad

When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. Proverbs - 16:7



Teens make Palisades rescue

Dell Rapids man lauds poise of lifesaving Washington students

Dear Jason,

What can a mother say to her first born child as he embarks on the journey through the rest of his life? What do I say to a young man who has already achieved what others only dream of?

When I look into your eyes I still see the kind and gentle soul of a little boy who couldn't decide if he wanted to be a clown or a policeman when he grew up. You've challenged yourself, overcome obstacles and exceeded your goals. You're a man of integrity, honesty and loyalty. You give of yourself expecting nothing in return. Total strangers experienced your strength, courage, and selflessness when you saved a man from drowning a the age of 16, risking your own life in the process.

You are a hero and inspiration to your brother and others who know you. As a leader of men and women you will support them, cheer for them and keep them safe. You have friendships that will last a lifetime.

Live each day to it's fullest; take nothing for granted. Continue to dream-sieze opportunities as they present themselves. Laugh! Love with all your heart. But, above all else, always be true to yourself. You are my son. I will always be proud of you, support you and love you with all my heart. MOM

WARRIORS
32

Justin Searle

Illegitimos Non carborundum

Be aware of what's going on around you

I am the b_ _ _ _ _ d!

Anthony N Sama 2005

Dear Tony: We can't believe we are thinking of graduation when it seems that you just got accepted. These four years went by too fast as we were watching you become such a fine Midshipmen leader. You have so much potential. We are so proud of all your accomplishments. Thank you for all the fun we had when we visited the academy and spent time with you. Good luck in the future. We know you can achieve all your dreams. We love you and are so proud. You are always our "Ntonuzzu". god bless you and keep you safe. Semper Fi.

Love always - Mom, Dad, Drew, Sal and John

CONGRATULATIONS
ENSIGN MICHAEL ANTHONY SAMMATARO

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished.

We wish you continued success in your Naval career.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Dan and the Family

USNA South Florida Parents Club Congratulates

Adam Abitol	Ritarsha King
Brandon Alamo	Eric Kinzbrunner
Elizabeth Bennett	Carlos Rivera
Kristen Gillian	Eric Roberts
Garett Houston	Megan Welsh
Lane Jackson	Stephen Winchell
LaVaugh Kelley	Chester Wyckoff

Fair Winds and Following Seas to the Class of 2005!

CONGRATULATIONS MATT SEAMAN!

From Newport to Annapolis to San Diego and beyond

Your destiny was in your name

Through it all you have always managed to rise to the top. We wish you Fair Winds and Following Seas. Your family and friends are very proud of you!

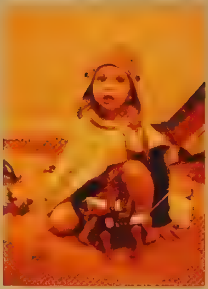
Love Mom, Dad and Lisa

Mt.Fuji
3,250m

Mark,

Congratulations on reaching another milestone in the quest for your dream! You have always met life's challenges with a positive attitude and a smile. We are so proud of you. May you continue to seek God's plan for your life.

Love and Happiness always,
Mom, Dad, Adam and David



Congratulations Scott

There are no words to express the pride and love we have for you. We have watched you pursue your dreams and marveled at your accomplishments. You are a wonderful son and brother and a tremendous role model. Best off luck in flight school and know that we are always there for you.
You are destined for greatness.
All our love,
Mom, Dad and Melissa

Scott Sides

Michael Sires

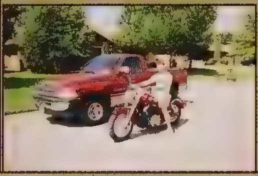
Congratulations, Mike, on your commissioning and assignment to flight school.

We're very proud of you, of your hard work and achievements and of the way you face challenges. Remember, "Within your reach lies every path ou ever dream of taking."

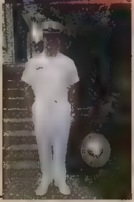
Love,
Mom, Dad and Allison

SHANE

There are so many things we want for you,
so many wishes in our hearts
as we watch you grow into your own life...
We wish you a world of advenure and experiences.
We wish you the strength to face challenges with confidence,
along with the wisdom to choose your batles carefully...
We wish you the satisfaction of seeing your goals achieved
and also the true contentment that is born of simple things...
work well-done, frieds well-loved, moments cauth and cherished.
And our greatest wish is that
you will always remember
how much you are loved
for you are a good and caring person...
A man we are proud to have for a son.
CONGRATULATIONS



ANDREW RUCKER



We were proud of you then and are even more proud now! Congratulations Andrew on all your accomplishments. May you have Fair Winds and Following Seas throughout your Naval career.

All our love,
Dad, Mom and Sarah

Congratulations SuperJoEllen!

You still look
good in a sailor
outfit.

Love,
Mom, Dad &
the Family

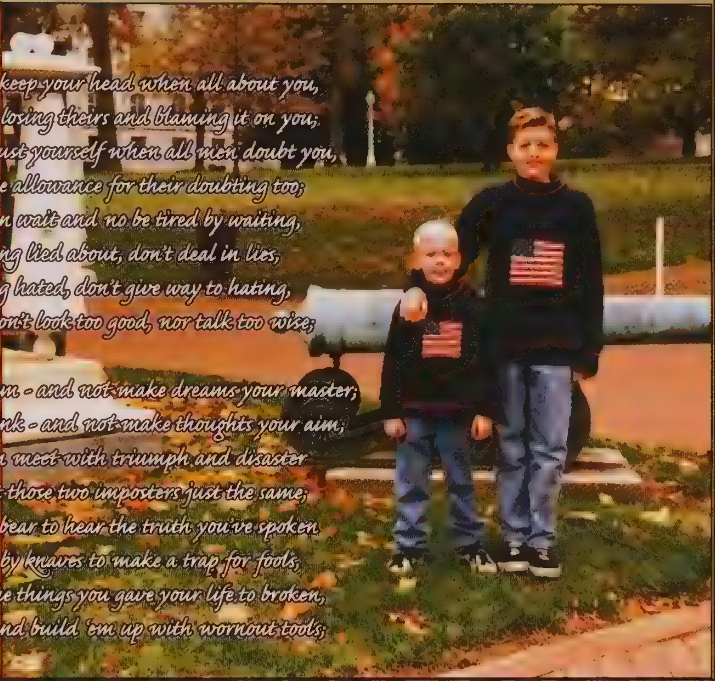
Ensign Robert F. Smail, Jr.

Congratulations, Bobby!
For having the vision to dream,
the courage to try,
and the determination to suceed.
Your strength, honor, courage, and determination will serve you well
as you embark on the next phase of your life as a pilot in the USA's Naval Forces

We are so proud of you. Take our love with you as you become an officer and Naval Aviator. May God continue to protect and guide you as you serve your country in the United States Navy.

Dad, Mom and Terri

Brandon Secrest



If you can keep your head when all about you,
Others are losing theirs and blaming it on you;
If you can trust yourself when all men doubt you,
But make allowance for their doubting too;
If you can wait and no be tired by waiting,
Or, being lied about, don't deal in lies,
Or, being hated, don't give way to hating,
And yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise;

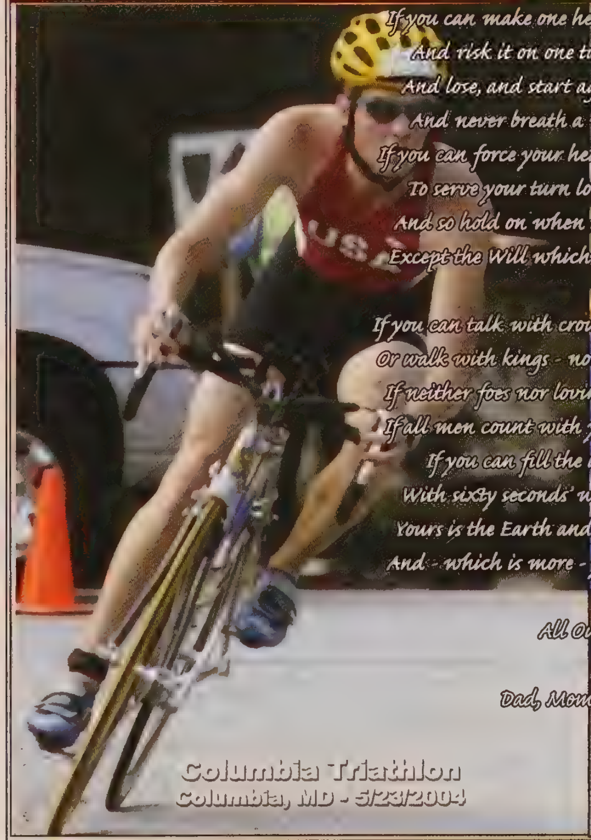
If you can dream - and not make dreams your master;
If you can think - and not make thoughts your aim;
If you can meet with triumph and disaster
And treat those two imposters just the same;
If you can bear to hear the truth you've spoken
Twisted by knaves to make a trap for fools,
Or watch the things you gave your life to broken,
And stoop and build 'em up with wornout tools;

If you can make one heap of all your winnings
And risk it on one turn of pitch-and-toss,
And lose, and start again at our beginnings
And never breath a word about your loss;
If you can force your heart and nerve and sinew
To serve your turn long after they are gone,
And so hold on when there is nothing in you
Except the Will which says to them: "Hold on";

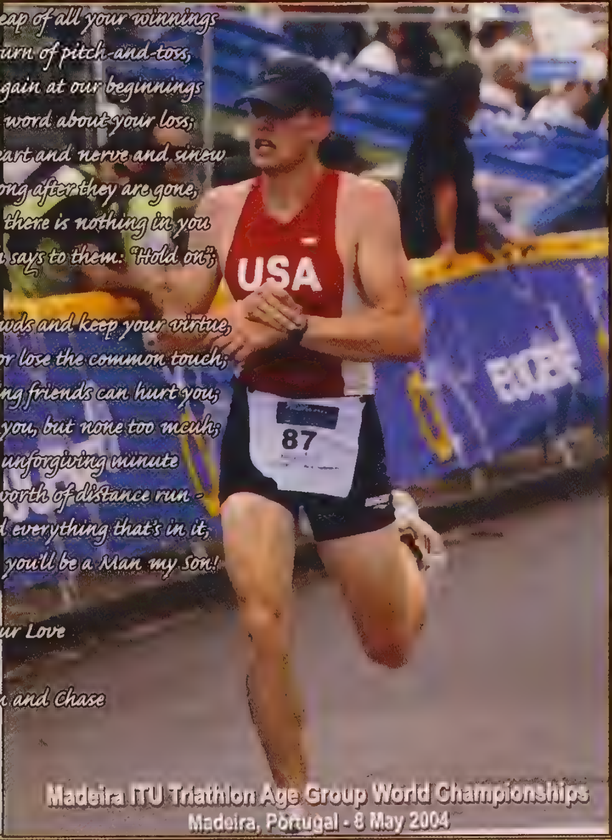
If you can talk with crowds and keep your virtue,
Or walk with kings - nor lose the common touch;
If neither foes nor loving friends can hurt you;
If all men count with you, but none too mcuh;
If you can fill the unforgiving minute
With sixty seconds' worth of distance run -
Yours is the Earth and everything that's in it,
And - which is more - you'll be a Man my Son!

All Our Love

Dad, Mom and Chase



Columbia Triathlon
Columbia, MD - 5/23/2004

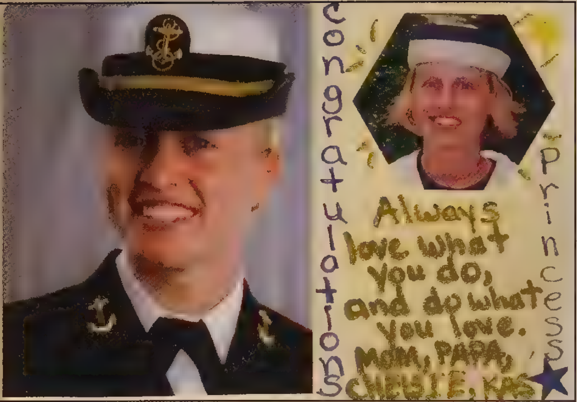


Madeira ITU Triathlon Age Group World Championships
Madeira, Portugal - 8 May 2004

2nd Lieutenent
Kevin T. Smalley, USMC

5TH GENERATION OF MILITARY SERVICE

CONGRATULATIONS
FROM YOUR PROUD FAMILY
SEMPER FI



congratulations

Princess

Always love what you do, and do what you love.
MOM, PAPA, CHELSIE, KAS

TJ,

Your love for God and family, knowledge, and charisma light up our world.

Love,

Dad, Mom, Shannon, Josh, Kim, and Alissa

SHOW THE WAY.

BRIAN CONLEY SMITH

CONGRATULATIONS, YOU MADE IT!

WE ARE ALL SO VERY PROUD OF YOU
KEEP ON ROCKIN'
LOVE,
MOM, DAD, SARAH AND AMANDA

Ryan McAnally
Chris Speicher
Trevor Thompson

After years spent together in Bancroft developing their superhero skills, the devoted roommates emerged as Naval Officers prepared to defend the innocent in the real world.

BAND OF EANTS

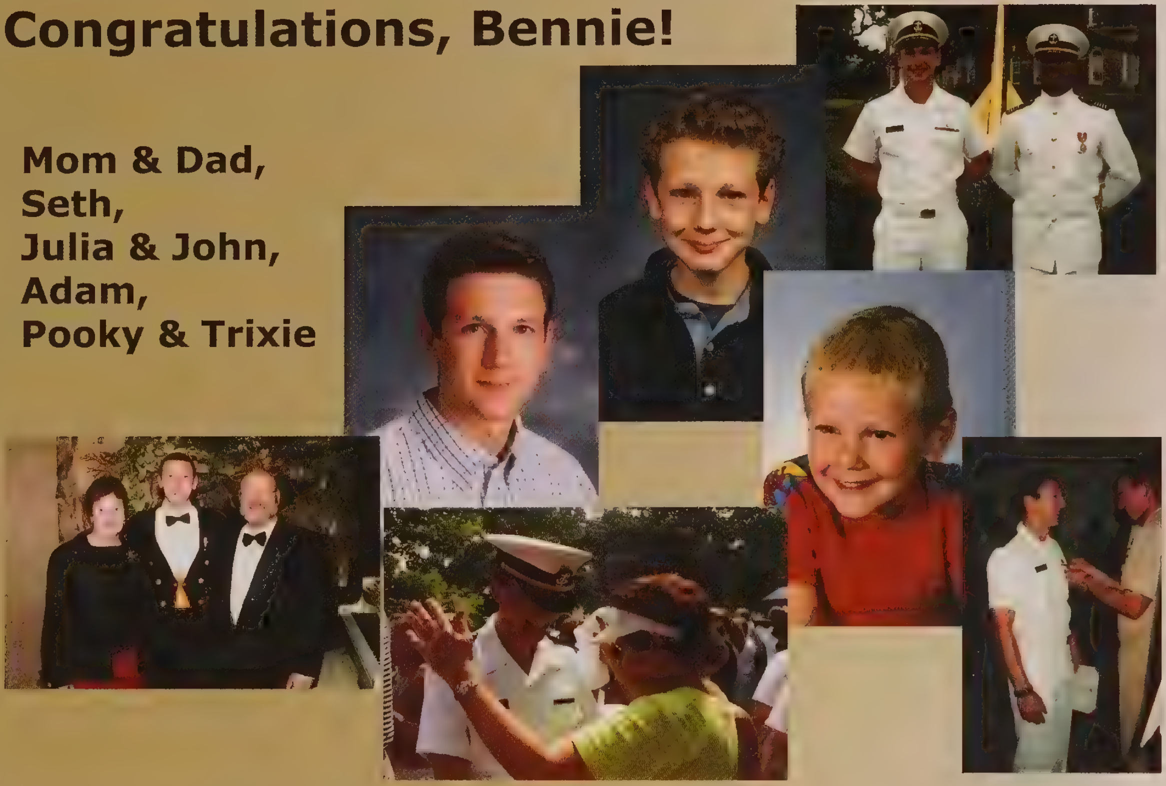
CONGRATULATIONS
ENSIGN CHRISTOPHER J. SPEICHER

We are so very proud of all your accomplishments and the fine young man you have become. The look of uncertainty, as you glanced back at the Cape May Light House, en route to the United States Naval Academy on June 29th for I-Day has transformed into one of self-confidence. You conquered each challenge over the past four years. May God always be with you and may all your dreams come true. The sky is the limit.

All our love,
Mom, Dad and Stephanie

Congratulations, Bennie!

Mom & Dad,
Seth,
Julia & John,
Adam,
Pooky & Trixie



You're following your dreams, Phillip. We're proud of you!

Love,
Mom, David '92, Dennis, Suzi, Jenna, Lilly, Bobby & Richard

Lasso the moon Blake!!

Love, Mom, Dad and Nik

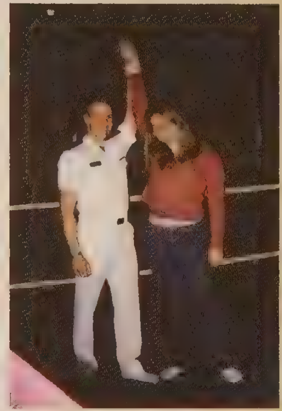
Ensign William E. Stange
BRAVO ZULU

Navy In your blood... 'Super' Kid!

Now 'Super' Man...only the uniform changed.

Maine -- your 1st home, but all roads led to Maryland.
And Annapolis I-Day June 29, 2001 -- Commissioning, May 27, 2005

Karl,
Enter with courage...



Leave a champion...

As you always will!

Love,
Debbie

CONGRATULATIONS!
ENSIGN ZACH STEINBOCK

"THE ONLY EASY DAY WAS YESTERDAY."

MUCH LOVE,
MOM, DAD, ANNE, WES, BUD

Adam Todd

The making of an Ensign...Congratulations!

"One cannot have a victory without a battle! Character without conflict! Perfect love without suffering!"

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brittany & Chase

Eric Vanlandinghim

"I hope that my achievements in life shall be these - that I will have fought for what was right and fair, that I will have risked for that which mattered, and that I will have given help to those who were in need that I will have left the earth a better place for what I've done and who I've been." ~ C. Hoppe

Congratulations Eric!!
We believe in you -
Mom, Dad and Kristen

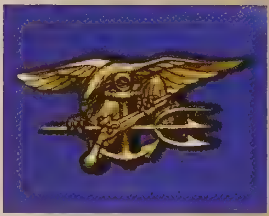
Congratulations
Trevor Cooper Thompson

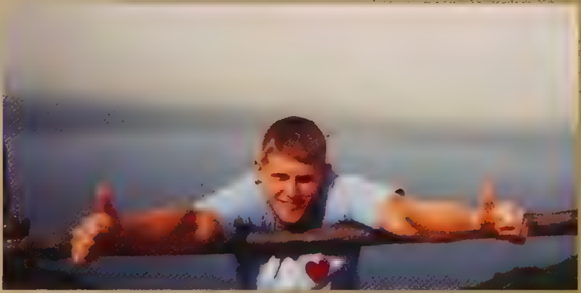
Keep thinking big

Remember to take it "One Page at a time"

And know that we are always proud of you!
Love, G'Ma G'Pa Cooper

Trevor, Thanks for living each day as it should be lived





Keep searching for that perfect swing.

Congratulations,
Mom & Dad
Craig & Courtney

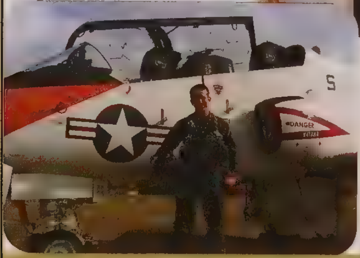
Congratulations to the Class of 2005

Amy L. Becht
Michael R. Felber
Philip Hall
Karl J. Hassenfratz
Paul J. Knittle
Dwayne Osgood
Christopher Pieczonka
Jeffrey Pinkerton
Benjamin A. Scheideman
John Schultz

USNA Parents Club of Western New York

Ensign Leah Tanner

Thanks for sharing the roller coaster ride with your family. We're all so incredibly proud of your accomplishments, and will always be there to support you.........



You followed your dream & now you can really "FLY NAVY"
~~ Congratulations, Leah!
With our love,
Mom, Dad & Calen

JERRY,

Since you were young, we always knew where you seemed to be headed.

Best of luck,
Mom, Dad, Tim, Mary Eileen, and Patrick

GRANT

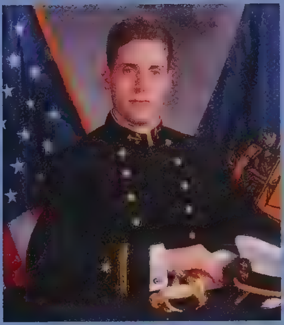
You have always strived to achieve your goals, and now you have reached a great and important milestone. On this momentous occassion, we want to tell you how honored and proud we are to have you as a son. Keep your sunny disposition wherever you go. Your fine attitude will ensure that all of your future goals will be realized. Along the way, always remember to be kind, compasssionate, and understanding of your fellow man. Then you will ruly become a superior leader, loved and respected by all. We love you more and more with each passing year.

Fair winds and following seas,
Mom and Dad

> "Try not to become a man of success but rather to become a man of value"
>
> – Albert Einstein

CONGRATULATIONS

George Benjamin Watkins



Love from Mom and Dad

"Perfer et Obdura"

"Carry through to the end and be persistent"

God doesn't call the qualified...He qualifies the called!

Christopher,

What an inspiration you are and proof that God answers prayers. You've worked hard and focused your sights on the highest of goals, always confident that God will put you where you are supposed to be to do his will. We are so proud of you. You will be a great leader of men because the Lord, the Greatest Leader of All, is working in your life. May God Bless You Always wih Fair Winds and Calm Seas.

We love you so much.
Mom, Dad, Alex & Keri

Christopher "Monkey,"

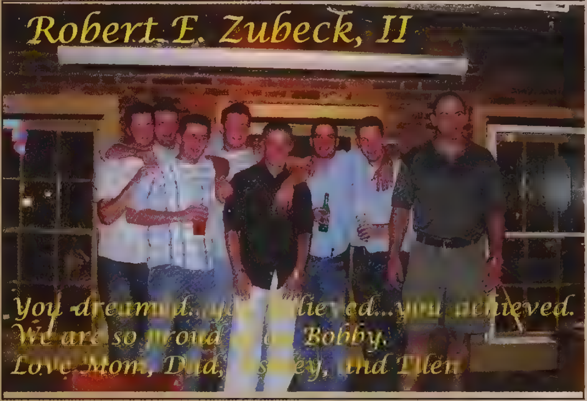
I am so proud of ou, not only because of your last four years at the Academy, but also because of the person you have become. I love you lots, and I look foward to our future, whatever it may hold.

~ Annie

Emily Christine Williams

We are so proud of you.
We love you.

Mom, Wilson & Erica



Robert E. Zubeck, II

You dreamed...[illegible]lieved...you achieved.
We are so proud [illegible] Bobby.
Love Mom, Dad, [illegible]sey, and Ellen

May your dreams for the future help you soar to new heights. We are so proud of you and your accomplishments. Congratulations Paul on the person you have become and the officer you will be.

Love,
Dad, Mom, Jaclyn, Andrew, Jillian and Roy

Congratulations,
2nd LT Jack Treptow, USMC

You have made us so very proud!

With love,
Mom, Erin, Emily and Meghan

Congratulations
Ryan

and best wishes for continued success
Love, Mom, Dad and Megan

Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.

- Leonardo da Vinci

Matthew Uebel '05

From his parent's sailboat...
to blue watersailing...
to submarines!

Congratulations and good luck, Matthew!

CONGRATULATIONS ENSIGN THOMAS N. VEADE

In his '66 Mustang
"Need a ride?"

At 18 mos. How could we know?

Astrospace Engineering Major
Pensacola here we come!

Proud Mom and Dad on I-Day

Future Astronaut age 10 checking out the space shuttle--he gave us a tour!

"I AM"

I am a boy who likes to think about space.
I wonder if there is life on other planets.
I hear the loud roar of space ships whizzing by.
I see countless stars, planets, and galaxies.
I want to explore space and all its wonders.
I am a careless boy who likes to think about space......
I dream that one day I will be an astronaut.
I try to study hard to make my dream come true.
I hope that one day I will be an astronaut......

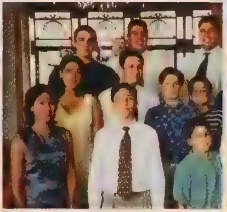
Written by
Thomas Veade, age 10

OOH! Kat and Chris give a kiss on the way to the prom in 2002

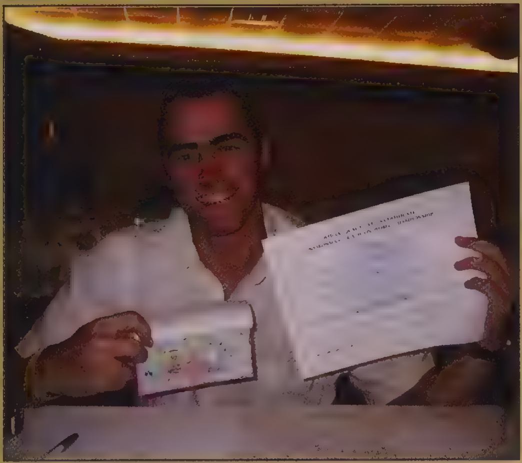
I-Day 6/2001 with proud sisters

BSA Honor Medal for Lifesaving with Grandparents

FRANK PAUL VERDUCCI, III



Matthew Clay Welch



"Ain't no mountain high enough..."

With love for sharing with us
your never-ending climb;
in awe of the heights
you've attained

Mom, Dad, JC, Mimi, Grandpa

Congratulations! Lionel Wesley

As you enter the next phase of your life, we want you to know how proud we are of your accomplishments, and of the wonderful young man of God you have become. Remember to always keep God first in your life, and know that your family is always behind you.

We love you,
Dad, Mom, Brian, Lore and Lindsey

Ensign Lindsey Roh Windham

Congratulations, Lindsey!
No one said these four years by the bay would be easy. You have achieved your goals with strength and determination and now are ready to use these skills as you join the fleet serving on the USS Bulkeley. We are so very proud of your decision choosing to serve our country, you will make a great leader. By balancing your life with work, friends and family, you will enjoy all that you are so deserving of..... Many friends and famiy have supported you along this journey - we are so grateful to them for their support.

NAVY
POWERLIFTING

USNA '05

"Oh the place ou will go."
Best wishes as you venture into new waters. May you have smooth sailing and calm seas ahead.

Remember, when things don't go as planned just say to yourself - It's all part of the adventure!

Love - Mom & Dad

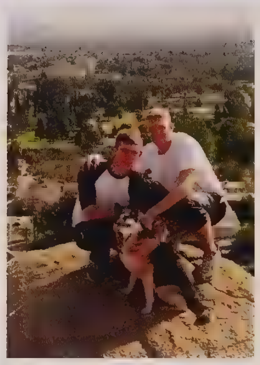
Joseph G. Weisberger III

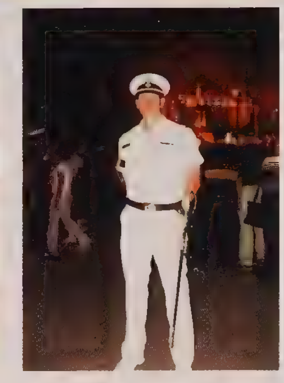
WELCOME ABOARD
HARB

We are truly blessed. From being a member of the toy of of the day club to being a member of the world's greatest Navy, you have been a complete joy in our lives. May you always remember to put Jesus between you and the world.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Jessica

NAVY
TENNIS





Congratulations Logan!

Your boyhood bookself tells all.
Kidnapped. Robin Hood. Ivanhoe. The Three Muskateers.
The Vikings. The Alamo. Captains Courageous. Pirates
of the Spanish Man. King Solomon's Mines. the Horse
Soldier. How the West was Won. Swords. Men, Ships
and the Sea.
There was a life of adventure awaiting you.
You imagined it every day.
You believed it and, believing, made it possible.
Now, at last, you come to the moment. The quest begins.
We say to you what D'Artagnan's parents said to him:
Seek out high adventure. Go with courage.
Ambulare cum honore.
Love, Mom & Dad, Tristan & Pa

Ensign
David Alan Wright

Through you our familly is soaring
To new heights.
We couldn't be prouder!
The Gutierrez and Wright Families

2nd LT David M. Yorck
NEC CUPIAS NEC METUAS

Semper Fi Son

Congratulations!

Ensign Shaunnah L. Wark, USN

Big Trees from little acorns grow...
from the Georgia beginnings...
to Alaska pioneer peeks...
to New Hampshire Crystal Lake
shores and Harkness tables...
to Maryland waters...
We love you and are SO Proud of you!!

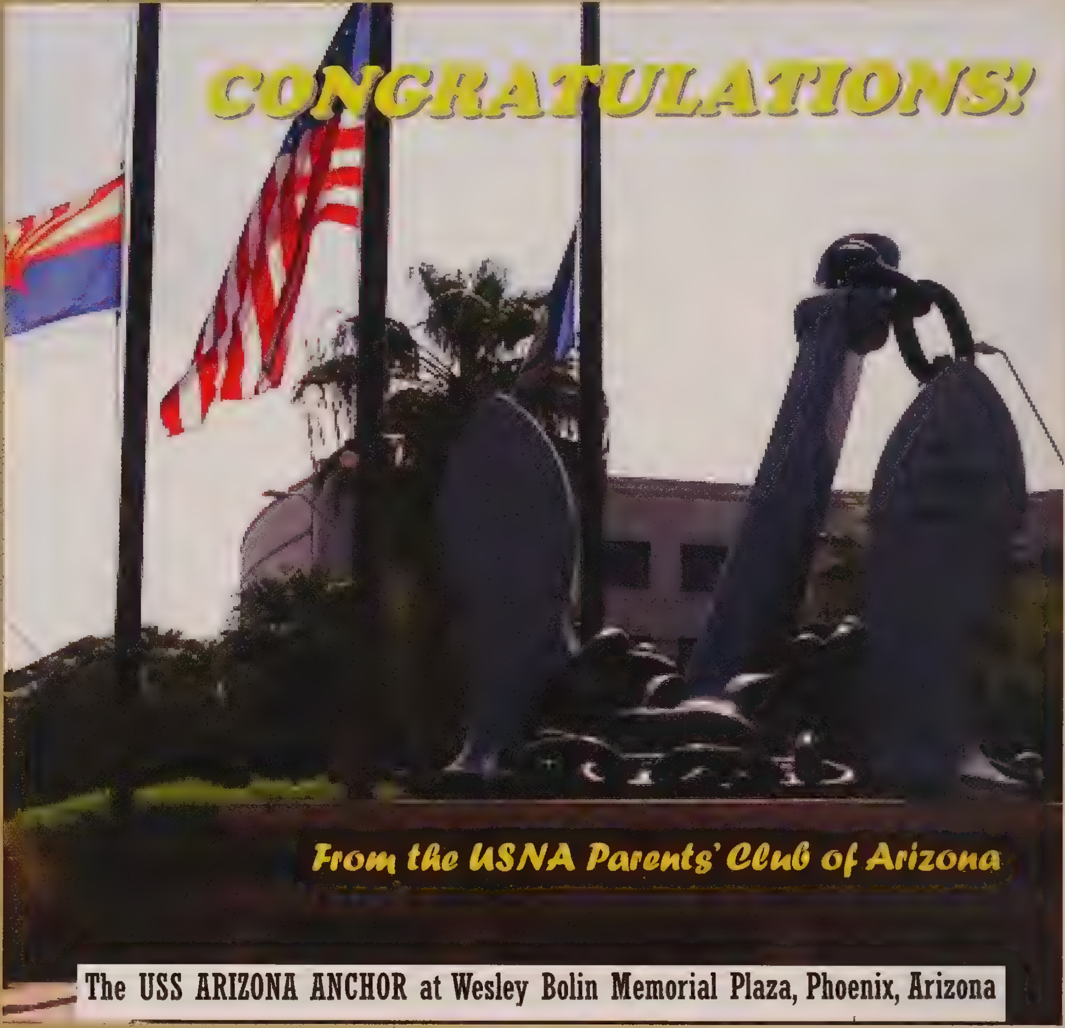
THE
Blue & Gold
SAN FRANCISCO

Congratulations!

Ensign James Sopko

Your Family Salutes You!
Godspeed!

All Our Love,
Mom, Tommy Chris & Patrick


CONGRATULATIONS!
From the USNA Parents' Club of Arizona

The USS ARIZONA ANCHOR at Wesley Bolin Memorial Plaza, Phoenix, Arizona

CLASS of 2005

Ernesto A. Arboleda
Roscoe P. Carney
Rhett C. Costello
Steven W. Coulon
Javier Cruz
Matthew G. Dalton
Aaron T. Eisner
Vanessa M. Guthrie
David Keltner
Daniel L. Martinez Jr.
Nicholas R. Quihuis
Jarrod C. Rothman
Christina M. Sciabarra
Justin B. Searle
Emma Trujillo

"Ambulare Cum Honore"

Matthew T. Crompton

NAVY
50
GO NAVY
HOME
35
20 02
NAVY
50

Our pride in you, your accomplishments and commitment to serve is exceeded only by our love for you.

Love Andrea, Mom & Dad

Congratulations 2nd LT Dominic Corabi, USMC

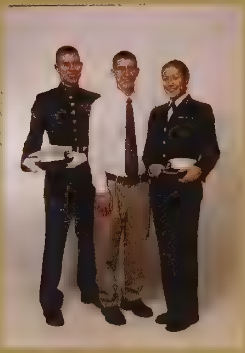
First Year

First Grade

Firstie

DID WE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE OUR HERO?

NICK,
We are so proud of you. Good luck as you embark on your next adventure...
Love,
Dad, Mom, Joe, Angela, Diana and Valerie



USNA Blue + Gold = USMC Green
Congratulations 2nd Lt Michelle Dickson
With guts and determination...
Forever a competitor...
Keep up those high standards.
Mom, Dad, Matt, and Brett are PROUD
of you!
Semper Fidelis   Oohrah!

Congratulations
To Western Pennsylvania's Newly Commissioned Officers

Ensign Kenneth A. Barkovich
2nd Lt. Russell J. Jackson
2nd Lt. Elizabeth R. Kealey
Ensign Seth R. Krueger
Ensign Timothy J. Minor
2nd Lt. W.T. Paxton
Ensign Kristina D. Rohlin
Ensign Christopher M. Schuster
Ensign Jeffrey Charles Storer
Ensign Michael S. Weber
Ensign Matthew Clay Welch

"Ambulare Cum Honore"

Georgia Mids are Always On Our MInds

Katherine Alley
Trey Alverson
Diana Beauford
Daniel Berry
Joshua Blackman
Jason Brownlee
Michael Chesnut
Wes Faulk
Wade Franklin
Anthony Garcia
Joel Godfrey
Christina Hayes

Emeka Ikpa
Paul Llano
Iain Macleod
Sean McElhannon
Brandon McPherson
Tre Neese
Jontavius Singleton
Mosi Smith
Ryan Stevens
Scott Szurovy
Adam Todd
Nicholas Tyson

Congratulations to the Class of 2005!!!

Congratulations
Ensign Michael Anthony Sammataro

We are so proud of you and all that you have accomplished. We wish you continued success in your Naval career.

Love, Dad, Mom, Dan and family

CONGRATULATIONS
MATT

You have achieved two of your dreams:
played Division I football
and received a superb education

We wish for all your dreams to come true in your exciting future. You have made us very proud. Thank you.

Love,
Mom, Dad & Brian

CONGRATULATIONS
ENSIGN SCOTT ROBERT GAISER USN

You Took The Road Less Traveled
There Were Some Bumps Along The Way
But Memories Of Good Times
Will Never Fade Away

You Did It Scott
We're So Proud Of You

Love You With All Our Hearts
Dad, Mom, Tim and Melissa

Jessie,

We love you! Best of Luck on your next journey.

Love,

Mom, Dad, Michael, Skokie, Zoey & Jake

Congratulations!

Ensign Marcus Chad Arroyo
Class of 2005

OATH OF OFF
UNITED STATES NAVAL ACAD
DO YOU
FEEL
SPECIAL?

We love you forever!

Congratulations 2nd LT Ken Palmer

We are proud of all your hard work and accomplishments. We pray the Lord will continue to guide you.

Love Mom & Dad

BRANDON DOLL

Congratulations on your wonderful achievement. We are very proud of you.

"Destiny is not a matter of chance, it is a matter of choice"

- William Jennings Bryan

"A final word; Be strong with the Lords mighty power."

- Ephesians 6:10

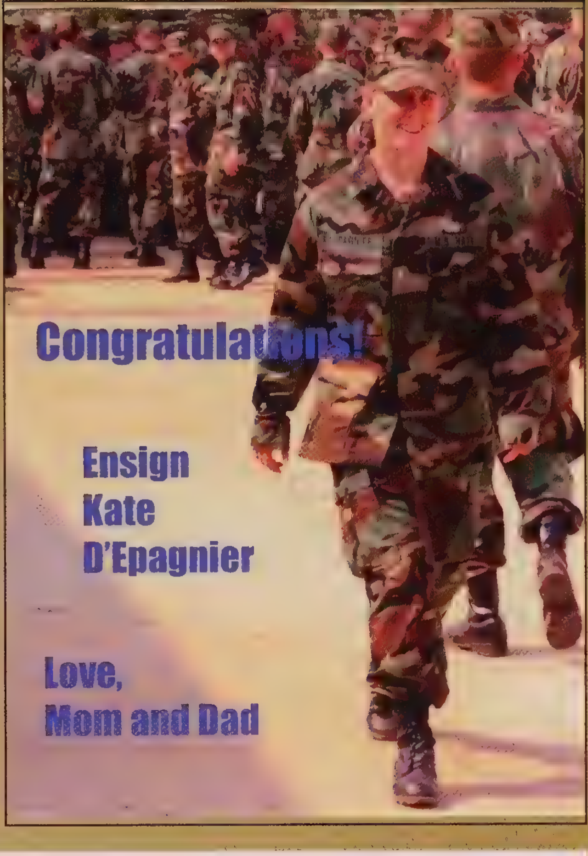
Ensign Brian R. DeMell

Brian,

There are no words to the song of the ocean, you are one of the lucky ones to hold the melody in your heart. Swift winds and tides can steer you in the wrong direction, but the song will alwys carry you to your appointed shore. Continued success as you navigate through the waters of life.

Love,
Mom, Dad and Brady

Andrew,
You have the courage and
commitment to lead.
You stand poised to succeed.
God Speed.
Mom, Dad, Emily, Will &
Chris



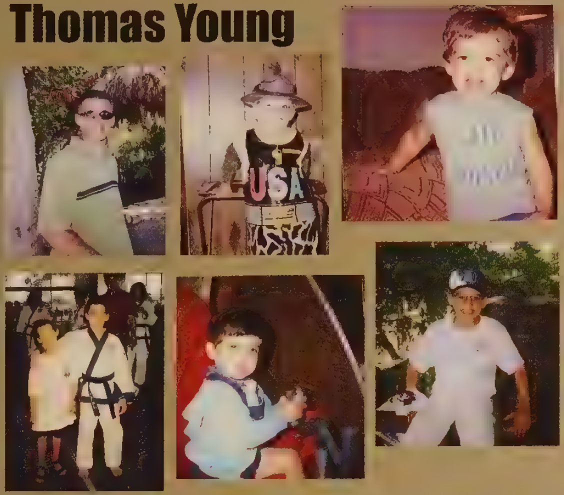
Congratulations!

Ensign
Kate
D'Epagnier

Love,
Mom and Dad

Semper Amor

Thomas Young



Navy Pilot! We knew you would make it! We wish you good luck in your next step in life. We hope your future is as bright as your past.

"The best way to predict your future is to create it." - Unknown

Love,
Mom, Dad and Bryan

Eric Zilberman has exceptional characteristics. He is very loving, caring and loyal. He Is also though, determined, focused, commited, courageous and honorable. He overcame a personal tragedy and turned it into a success story. We are all very proud of him and love him very much. Good luck in Flight School and Best Wishes

CONGRATULATIONS, ENSIGN SCOTT MILLER DIAMOND!!

For Scott,
Who never gies up,
and never gives in.
We love you this much...
Mom and Dad

"There are no great men. Just great challenges which ordinary men, out of necessity are forced by circumstances to meet."
- Admiral William F. "Bull" Halsey

ENSIGN CHRISTOPHER P. YENIAS

As A Young Man You Often Visited "The Yard"
It Made Quite An Impression Upon You.
You Vowed That You Would Work Very Hard
To Ensure You'd Become A Part Of It Too.

You Watched For 4 Years At Your Brother's Progress,
You Were Aware Of How Hard It Could Be.
You Saw Him Work And Become A Success,
You Said, "That's Going To Be Me."

Now 4 Years Later You've Followed His Lead.
Today Youu Will Be Commissioned.
We're Confident You'll Become All You Can Be,
You Have Such Ambition.

You've Learned To Follow, You've Learned To Lead,
May Your Path Be Sure And True.
We Know You'll Continue To Follow Your Call,
We Love And Have Faith In You!

Our Hearts Will Be with You Wherever You Go!

Go Get 'Em "Topher Man"
The Sky Is The Limit!

Love, Mom, Dad and Stephen
Mom-Mom and Pop-Pop
Aunt Evie and Aunt Pat

CONGRATULATIONS
2ND Lt Francis M. Pascucci, USMC

We love you and are very proud of you.
We wish you every success in the Marine Corps.

SEMPER FIDELIS

Love,
Dad, Mom & Jennifer

Strength, Courage, Integrity...It's Your Ship

Congratulations, Ensign Jarrod M. Ozereko!
We are proud of the fine man you have become
- but then, we always knew you would!

With love for you always,
Your Family

Gy.Sgt. Dominic S. Ozereko
USS Hornet CV-8

AMM3C Frederick C. Acres
USS Savo Island CVE-78

Andrew Ryan Preston

Emerging from small beginnings and first steps, your journey abounded with faith, hard work, and perseverance, with one destiny in sight: Excellence and Honor.

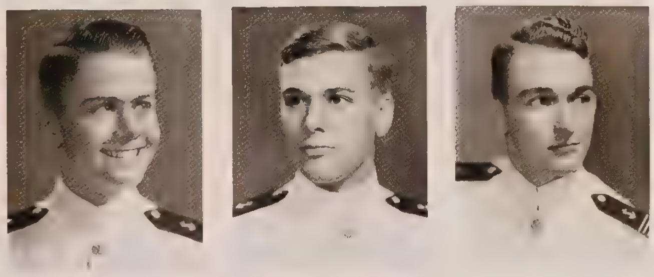
We salute you!
Gram, Pop, Mom, Ash and Zac

Four generations of service academy graduates
with over 220 years of service to the nation
salute the fifth and newest!
Congratulations and Welcome Aboard!

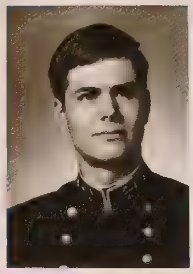
USMA 1896

USNA 1919

USNA 1943



USNA 1978



USNA 2005

USNA 1970

Hey, Ensign Dan Dolan '05

Congrats & BZ, Fly-Boy! What a guy & what a class (first real plebe year since '71). "Nick kick, DAN", Club LAX-man, Made his Mama proud, D&B, choir-boy, "You oo". Big-Bro, Alta Skier, 3-striper - "Witness the violence inherent in the system", 'hi-yooo', Mr. Jazz, & Take luck in Pensacola - BEAT ARMY!

"Sail away from safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sail. Explore, Dream, Discover." - Mark Twain

Dan, We love ou!
- Matt, Mom & Dad

Congratulations
Ensign Anthony Difranco

You couldn't wait to start living so you came into this life 2 1/2 months early. God blessed you with courage, determination, and that special "GIFT." From that first wonderful day you entered this world you have accomplished so much, but you weren't satisfied, your accomplishments have yet to cease. Never let your dreams diminish; you have what it takes to achieve all of them and more. You have experienced, and lived life in a way few of us in your family could ever imagine. According to you, there is always a reason for you to "celebrate," no matter what is going on in your life.

Party on Tony...you have earned it!

Love,
Mom, Pop, John, Nicole, Grandma, Nonna,
and the kitties

We are so proud of you Billy!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Sam

In matters of style, swim with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock.
Thomas Jefferson

Bry, You were born a leader

We are so proud of our service, and know we are always proud of you.
God Speed.

Love Mom and Dad

Jarrod Rothman

You were created in the basement of 8th Wing,and we love you and are so very proud of you and your accomplishments. Continue to stand up for what you believe in and set your sites high. You are a remarkable young man and truly one of a kind!

Congratulations Jarrod!

Our love and support will always be with you,
Mom, Dad and J.P.

2nd Lt. Jarrod C. Rothman
Semper Fi!

Congratulations
Ensign T.J. Kelly
&
the Class of '05

We're so proud of all you've accomplished. God Bless You.

Love,
Your Family

CONGRATULATIONS
2nd LT KURT RICHARD HASSELL, USMC

MAY YOUR DREAMS ALWAYS TAKE FLIGHT

Love, Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Robert Tucker Ragon

You've taken the road less traveled and have been blessed by it. Let God continue to be your lighthouse. He is "our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble, Therefore we will not Fear." Ps. 46:1,2. We are so proud of you. "People sleep peaceably in their beds at night because rough men stand ready to do violence on their behalf." Thank you!

Mom, Dad, Katie, Stan, Amy & Will

Congratulations
Alexander Plummer,

Capable, calm & cool ... land, sea or air ...

With Love and Pride,
Mom and Dad

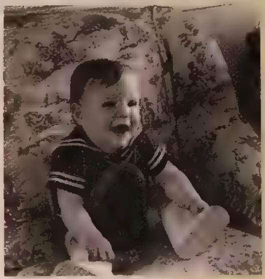
CONVERSE
14667

"Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."
Heb. 12:1

Steve, You Honor Us.
Mom and Dad

Benjamin N. Herring

We have been behind you from the beginning and we will always be with you. We are so proud of your accomplishmens. Congratulations on achieving your goal. God Bless you in your service to our country.
We love you dearly.
Mama, Daddy, Tilghman, Sarah, and Naisby

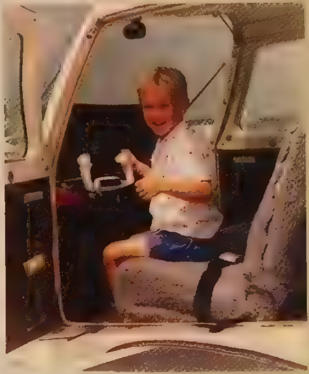


Congrats Ensign Travis Johll! All of your dreams are coming true. Keep reaching for the stars. We're so proud of you in all that you've accomplished and the man you've become.

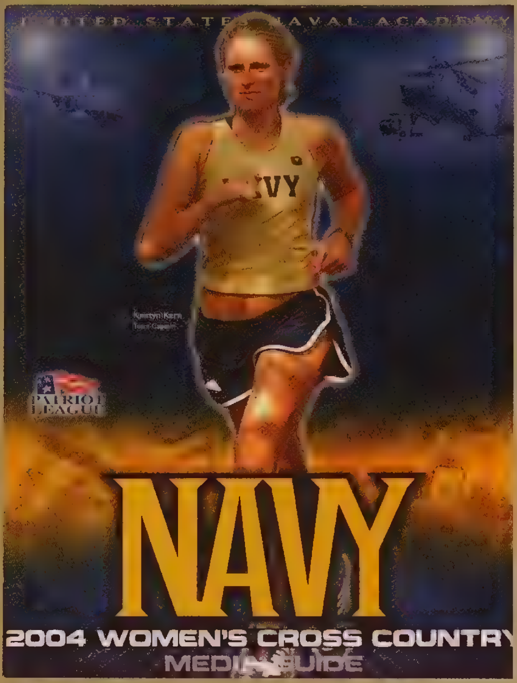
Love,
Mom, Dad, Corinne, and Tyler

Matt,

We are so proud of who you are and all you have accomplished as you pursued the dreams you had as a child. The child has become a man. We are proud to be your Mom and Dad. We commit you to One "who will ride the heavens to help you" and "carry you in His everlasting arms." The Lord God Almighty is His Name.



"A child has to grow.
No matter if you wish it were not so.
You hear his words become a stranger's speech,
His hands build higher than your hands can reach,
You cannot follow where his feet will go.
A child has to grow."
- from The Night of the Child by Luise Putcamp, Jr.


UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
NAVY
Kristyn Kern
Team Captain
PATRIOT LEAGUE
NAVY
2004 WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY
MEDIA GUIDE

Leaders are like eagles...
They don't flock,
you find them one at a time.

You never wanted to quit!
You faced the challenges and overcame every obstacle...
We've always admired your courage and the fact that you always
come through when it counts.

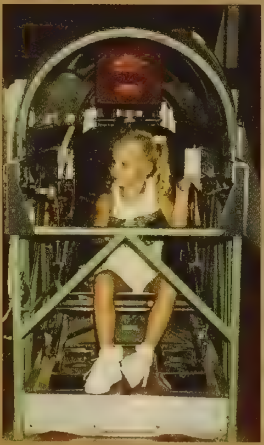
We feel so proud of how you live your life
and of all your accomplishments.
We've watched you as you've taken all the lessons USNA has brought and made them into something all your own...

You're uniquely your own person -
Unlike anyone the world has known before...
That's why we love you and celebrate your success!

Congratulations,
Ensign Kristyn Kern!

With love,
Mom, Dad, Scott and Mandi

Who knew? You did!
It was destiny.



You have been adamant about The Academy since you were six.

We are so blessed to have you as a daughter. We couldn't be prouder.

Enjoy your next adventure (remember - the right is the hand with the rock!)

Congratulations!
We love you!

Mom and Dad

Congratulations
Ensign Annie-o

We hope you keep dancing...
With love and pride,
Mom, Dad, Carrie & Will

Congratulations, Wes!

2nd Lt. Wesley Robert Ogden,
USMC

With Love,

Mom, Dad , Sheila & Kelly

Stephanie,

To a thoughtful, confident, and talented young woman...and now a Marine Corps officer... Congratulations on your success and Oo-rah!

With much love and admiration,
Mom, Dad and Lindsay

Congratulations Aaron!

We are very proud of what you have accomplished. Remember that it is "all mental." Now the adventure begins. May God continue to protect and guide you.

Love Mom & Dad

You are well on your way to completing your dreams...I support you 110%...
Love your favorite sis, Michelle

Congratulations Ensign Adam William Kerrick

on a job well done! We are proud of you. As you embark on your commissioned service, we wish you continued success.

Fly high, fly fast, and remember to stop for gas!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Grant,
Grandmom and
William Paul
Leffler, GM3/C,
from heaven

Congratulations
Ensign Lynne M. Hoppe

Four Long Years
In the Blink of an Eye

We are so proud of your hard work, long hours and strenuous endeavors.
We love you,
Mom, Dad and Reykj

McGinnis

Booter,
We are so proud of you. You know Grandpa is watching over you with a big grin on his face!

Love,
Mom, Dad and Craig

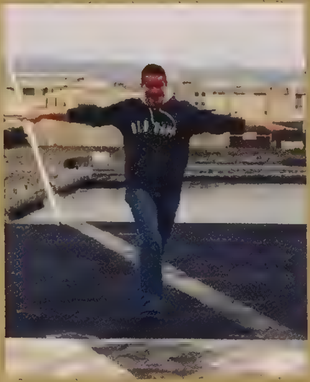
David,

As you prepare to catch the next wave of your life ~

Good Luck
Have Fun
God Blwss!

Love,
Mom, Dad
Adam, Christopher,
and Jaclyn

Sean Purdy practices a take-off from the USS Constellation (CV-64)



Soon, he will be a real Naval Aviator

WE HAVE ALWAYS BEEN VERY PROUD OF YOU

CONGRATULATIONS, KEITH!

LOTS OF LOVE,
MOM, DAD, T.J., KERRI,
CHRIS & NEIL

Dennielle,

Steadfast determination,
Confident strength,
Commitment to excellence,
Indinite Perseverance.

This is you, Dennielle!

Words can't express how proud we are of you.
We love you so much!

Congratulations on you graduation!

Dad, Mom, Courtney and Lanie

"You only have to believe
that you can suceed,
that you can be whatever
your heart desires~
be willing to work for it,
and you can achieve it.

- Oprah Winfrey

Christopher Glenn Lonero

You reached toward the skies and achieved your goals! We are so proud of you! Go Navy Air!
Love, Dad, Mom, Dustin '01,
Angelo II, Lonero

Congratulations!

Ensign Christopher J. Manning Jr.

As you begin your career in Naval Aviation, remember to reach for the stars, listen to your heart and always do your best. We know you will serve your country with honor, pride and dignity. May God continue to bless you and keep you safe from harm. We all love you and are very proud of the man you have become. We wish you the best in the challenge yet to come.

With all our love,
Mom, Dad,
Dolly and Michael

Michael---

What started as a young boy's dream has become a reality. We stand in awe of our God who gave you the dream, opened the door for you to attend USNA, and helped you excel. We are so proud of you! Keep your faith in Jesus as the firm foundation of our life and you will continue to "mount up with wings like eagles." (Isaiah 40:31) Thanks for sharing your adventure with us!

All our love and support always,
Mom, Dad, Matt and Laura

"How pleasant it is to see dreams come true."
Proverbs 13:19

David Lewis - Company 30

From a little boy playing marines to a
Marine Corps Naval Flight Officer-----
your dreams are finally about to come true!
We are very proud of you and Love you very much.

Dad, Mom, Terra &
everyone in your family

Two Little Sprouts From the Mountains of Potter County - God's Country - Pennsylvania do big things! This tiny headwaters stream meanders 352 miles and becomes he mighty Allegheny River in Pittsburgh. The tiny little fellow went on to become a Naval Academy Graduate and Aviator!

ENS STEPHANIE E. HOFFMAN, USN

Summer Seminar * I-Day * Plebe Summer * Chopping * Chow Calls * Care Packages * First Phone Call * Sea Trials * Plebe Parent's Weekend * Plebe Year * Chapel Choir * Glee Clue * Cross Country * New Orleans * Messiah * Holly Ball * Dark Ages * Italy & England * HERNDON! * Y-P's * Youngster Year * California & Hawaii* JFK * 50 Miler * PROTRAMID * Summer Seminar Squad Leader * 2nd Class * Sirens * Masqueraders * Houston Bowl * Paris * Boston Marathon Ring Dance * Salamanca * Leatherneck * Firstie * Glee Club President * ADEO * Innauguration * Super Bowl * Service Selection * Navy Pilot * London * Commissioning *

Steph - Your four years by the Bay have been filled with challenge, achievement and, above all, honor. We are so very proud of you, and all that ou have done!

We Love you ~
Mom, Dad, Mary and Erin

Garett,
What a wonderful journey this has been! From the moment that you knew you wanted to attend USNA, to the interviews, physicals, the unknown, the ups and downs, you have accomplished everything that you set your sights on. What can I say to my only child whom I have so much love, respect and admiration for? You have accomplished more in your first 22 years than many accomplish in a lifetime. Fair winds and following seas Garett, the best is yet to come.

Love always,
Mom

Congratulations Ensign Harris

You were
once my dream
come true, now it's
time to make your
dreams come true.

So much love & pride,
Mom, Dad & Clarine

CHRISTOPHER HORST

"Unless the Lord builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the Lord watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat - for He grants sleep to those He loves.

Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him. Like arrrows in the hands of a warrior are son's born in one's youth.
Blessed is the man whose quiver is full of them.
They will not be put to shame when they contend with their enemies in the gate."

Psalm 127

Chris Lewis

Congratulations on your accomplishments!

Congratulations and God's richest
blessings to
2nd Lieutenant Grant I. Gillary
Your hard work, diligence and dedication
have served you well.
We know God has wonderful plans
in store for you!

May God continue to keep you in his care.
All our love & prayers,
Dad, Mom, Megan, Sarah and Colleen

Congratulations ENS James R. Lamz

Jimmy,

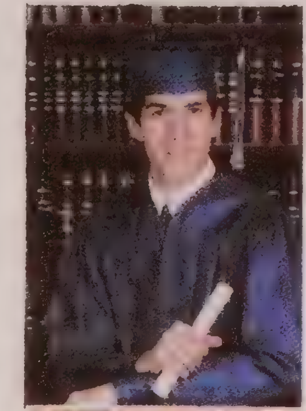
We are so proud of you for taking the road less traveled and folloing your dream. As you continue your journey, walk with courage, faith, and heart.

All our love,
Mom, Chuck and Family

JEFF

We are very proud of you and love you very much. Congratulations on following your dreams and achieving your goals. May God be with you always.

Semper Fi
Love,
Mom, Dad, Katie, Stephen &
Elizabeth



B"H

Eric,

Mazel tov on your
graduation from
the USNA.

May you have
much success
on your
chosen path.

Love,

Mom & Dad
Bryan & Shira
& Seth

Congratulations, Jimmy.
Your family Salutes Your Service

With Love,
Mom, Dad and Stephen

"Fair Winds and a Following Sea"

"Pride
Runs
Deep"

"When I go to Heaven, I want to be 6!"

"A teacher effects eternity. He can never tell where his influence stops."

~55~

2 Timothy 4:7-8

Congratulations, Braveheart!
Pops, Momma, Bethie, Mike,
Pete & Mary

To "Topher"

Always remember that when you wish upon a star dreams really can come true.

Congratulations and Good Luck,
Mom, Dad, Matt, Andrew and your Special Star in heaven

Nathan, you have dreamed the dream and made it come true. Congratulations, we are so proud of you. Love, Gramman and Grand-dad

Nathan,
You made it with hard work and on your own terms... Words can not begin to express how proud we are of you and your accomplishments! You have turned out to be an extraordinary young man. Keep setting your goals high and lead with enthusiasm. Semper Fi, Marine! Lots of Love, Mom and Dad

Good luck and where's my five bucks for the #2 all over? Gimme a break, I'm only 8 years old...!
Clark

Nate-Dawg,
Congrats and good luck, Bald Eagle Boy! Welcome to McDonalds, may I take your order? Wanna buy some speakers? Lee

I am proud of you... that you will embark on a career of serving your country as did your Grandfathers, Father, and Uncles. May God's blessing go with you and keep you safe always.
With deepest love,
Nana B

The Beginning

The Dream

The Plan

2001

2005

The Goal . . . Achieved!

Aw honey......
Stephanie

Congratulations, Leatherneck
Love, Grandpa J

Marines are getting a great officer and I'm not just saying that because you're my brother. Congratulations, you deserve it!
Love, Rachael

Congratulations. I'm proud of you! Love, G-Dad

Your success story is just beginning and you're on your way to a whole new world of wonderful opportunities. We are so proud of you. Love, Aman, Top, BJ and Robby

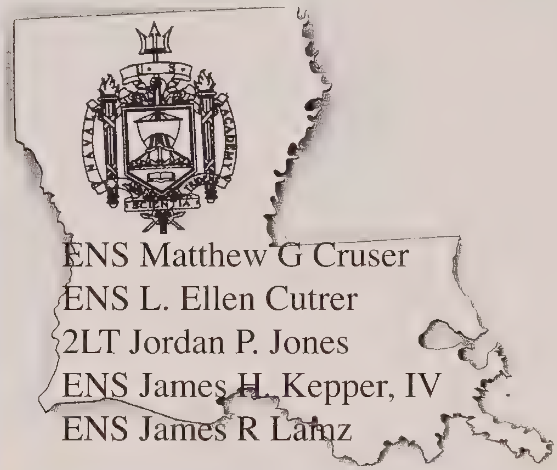
"Aviation is proof, that given the will,
we have the capacity to achieve the impossible."
-Eddie Rickenbacker

You have achieved the possible. Now, spread your wings and become one of the few who have taken to flight in the hopes of achieving the impossible.
Semper Fi Ben, Scherry, Matthew and Katelyn

Congratulations 2nd Lt. Paul Nathan Jaenichen Jr, USMC

Parents Club of Louisiana

Gratefully Salutes the Class of 2005



ENS Matthew G Cruser
ENS L. Ellen Cutrer
2LT Jordan P. Jones
ENS James H. Kepper, IV
ENS James R Lamz

2LT James D. Lasley
ENS Jason M. McGowan
2LT Brian C. Schexnayder
ENS Thomas N. Veade

Geaux Navy !

Christopher J. Lewis

Congratulations Chris!! You've achieved another of your many dreams. Now on to the next. Good Luck in flight school! We're so proud of you and the man you've become. Always stay true to yourself. We love you very much.

Love,
Mom and Dad

Tim Lehman,
Fair Winds & Following Seas,

Love,
Mom, Dad, Becky and Nick

James 1:2

Commit your works to the Lord and Your plans will be established.
Proverbs 16:3

LaVaughn Kelley, Jr. (#23)

You earn respect because you honor commitments, hard work, and fair play. Your generous spirit and good nature make you a fine man. I'll always treasure a heart full of memories of "my little boy," but with every day that passes, my appreciation deepens and my admiration grows for the remarkable man you are . . . . the son I love so much!

Tradin' Cards

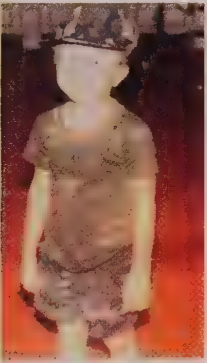
Love,
Ma

Ensign Timothy E. Letts

Congratulations Timothy for having the vision to dream, the courage to try, and the determination to succeed. Your entire family shares in the joy of your accomplishments. We'll be cheering you on as you meet the challenges and wonderful opportunities that lie ahead. We pray that your integrity, your honor and your humor will guide you through any storms you may face and always remember, each step of the way, that you are loved, Tim, more than words can ever begin to say. Keep faith in your dreams. Let the journey begin…

Mom, Emily
and your entire family

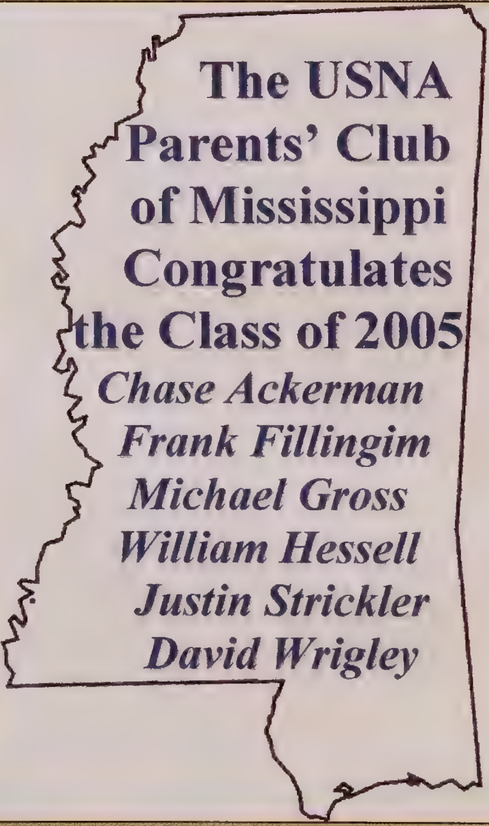
Congratulations Ensign Kevin Manuel



We are so proud of you and everything you have accomplished. May you lead from your heart and succeed in all that you do.

May God Bless You and Keep You Safe Always

With Love and great pride,
Mom and Dad



The USNA Parents' Club of Mississippi Congratulates the Class of 2005

Chase Ackerman
Frank Fillingim
Michael Gross
William Hessell
Justin Strickler
David Wrigley

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet success unexpected in common hours.

Henry David Thoreau

Andrew (Hundi) -

We are inspired by your achievements, successes and your commitment to USNA. We wish you many great adventures in the years to come!

Much love and fair winds and following seas,

Mami, Dad, Allison and Katherine

Ens. Karl N. F. Murray

Congratulations and all our love
Dad, Mom, Greg, Elise,
Teresa and Jennie

If you want to build a ship, don't herd people together to collect wood and don't assign them tasks and work but, rather, teach them to long for the endless immensity of the sea.
- Antoine de Saint-Exuperya

"Build me straight, O Worthy Master,
Staunch and strong, a goodly vessel,
That shall laugh at all disaster,
And with wave and whirlwind wrestle!"
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

We are always here for you on shore,
Love & Our Congratulations,
Dad, Mom, Ernie & Ryan

Congratulations
Ensign Benjamin S. Orloff

We are amazed at your talents, proud of your accomplishments, and excited about your future.

Always remember we will love you forever, like you for always. As long as we're living our joy you will be.

We count every day you have been in our lives a blessing.

May you fly like an Eagle!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Nathan and Max

Hilary,

Interests ebb and flow like a river; commitment endures like granite. You rock! We are so proud of you!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Brett and Alex

2nd Lt. Mark Nostro, USMC

A Future Marine?

Absolutely!
Congratulations & Godspeed,
Mom & Dad, Paul & David

Parents' Club of Michigan

www.usna-pcom.org

Congratulations to the
Class of "Aught Five" and the
newly commissioned Officers from the Great Lakes Water
Wonderland State of Michigan

2005

David Blossom-Springport
Thomas Dill-Fenton
Daniel Djerf-Allegan
Grant Gillary-Beverly Hills
Gale Goodlow-Detroit
Kevin Harrington-Lake Orion
Devin Holmes-Traverse City
Kristyn Kern-Commerce Twp
Daniel Kuratko-Livonia
Rebecca McCollom-Flushing
Adriel Morgan-Portage
Jill Peterson-Canton
Christopher Pisani-Plymouth
William Rietveld-Zeeland
Richard Rosenbusch-New Baltimore
Derek Rucinski-Saline
David St Aubin-Ishpeming
Philip Suchyta-Novi
Victoria Throckmorton-Ann Arbor
Andrew Warner-Linden
Michael Wickham-Burton

USNA Parents' Club of Washington State

PROUDLY SALUTES OUR NEWLY COMMISSIONED OFFICERS OF THE CLASS OF 2005

2LT RYAN ASHLEY
ENS MATTHEW BOYCE
ENS JOHN BUTTLER III
ENS JOSEPH CANTU
2LT BUDDY ELLIS
ENS JEFFREY FALLAT
ENS WINDSOR FRINELL
ENS JARROD GAZAREK
2LT TROY HOKANSON
2LT STAN LAPP
ENS SHELBY LICHTY
ENS TAJ MATTHEWS
ENS JASON MCKAY
ENS NICHOLAS MULCAHEY
ENS CLARK MUNGER
ENS BENJAMIN ORLOFF
ENS NATHAN PECK
2LT STEVEN PODMORE
2LT JUSTIN SHARPE
ENS RICHARD SHIELS
ENS LEAH TANNER
ENS TREVOR THOMPSON
ENS DOUGLAS TOMCZAK
2LT ANTHONY ZECH

Congratulations!
2nd LT Alonzo A. Neese, III
USMC

If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life he has imagined, he will meet with a success unexpected in common hours.

- Henry David Thoreau

Tre,
We are inspired by your honor, integrity, loyalty and moral courage. Your strong heart and kind wit give us joy and perspective. Your life teaches us to *imagine* and . . . Never give up!

With admiration and love,
Ashley, Mom, Dad and Debbie,
Gramma Jean and your entire family

Corporate Ads

Find out why more than 5 million members trust USAA.

Exclusive membership benefits.

Call today.

(800) 531-1137 • usaa.com

USAA *We know what it means to serve.®*

INSURANCE · BANKING · INVESTMENTS · MEMBER SERVICES

THE AMERICAN CLUB

A NEW WORLD OF P AND I SERVICE

Dedicated... Dynamic... Strong

SHIPOWNERS CLAIMS BUREAU, INC., MANAGER
60 BROAD STREET 37th FLOOR, NEW YORK, NEW YORK 10004 USA
PHONE +1-212 847-4500 FAX +1-212-847-4599
WEBSITE www.american club.com

LONDON LIAISON OFFICE
SHIPOWNERS CLAIMS BUREAU INC
LATHAM HOUSE, 16 MINORIES, LONDON EC3N IAX UK
PHONE +1-44-20 7709-1390 FAX +1-44 20 7709-1399

CALIFORNIA OFFICE
PACIFIC MARINE ASSOCIATES INC
200 WEBSTER STREET - SUITE 200, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA 94607 USA
PHONE +1-510-891-9011 FAX: +1 510-891-0275

SYSCO Food Services of Seattle

Wherever They Are, Whatever Their Needs · Customers Are Really Everything To SYSCO · SYSCO CARES

SYSCO Seattle is proud to have the honor of feeding our United States Troops

SYstems and **S**ervices **CO**mpany's philosophy is the same as it was over 40 years ago - a trusted supplier, providing food service customers with broad product lines of consistently high quality. Our partnership with the United States Military goes far beyond our philosophy -

"We don't just sell groceries here at SYSCO. We deliver peace of mind."

SYSCO is an equal opportunity employer and proud employer of veterans.

(206) 622-2261 • www.syscoseattle.com

cfm
The Power of Flight

GUARDING THE SEA FROM THE SKY

CFM International is proud to be part of the team for the Boeing 737 Multi-mission Maritime Aircraft (MMA). The MMA will greatly improve the Navy's anti-submarine (ASW) and anti-surface (ASuW) warfare capabilities. Our CFM56-7B engines enable the new aircraft to travel farther, carry a larger crew and stay on-station longer. All with the reliability of the world's most popular turbofan engine. Good luck and we look forward to seeing you onboard

CFM International is a joint company of Snecma Moteurs, France and General Electric Company, U.S.A.

cfm The Power of Flight · smiths · Raytheon · NORTHROP GRUMMAN · NAVAIR · BOEING

Congratulations Class of 2005!

Solutions at Work

TranTech is a woman-owned company providing government and commercial clients quality and innovative Information Technology solutions and services in digital asset management and engineering, software engineering, systems integration, network engineering and IT security. For more information, visit us at trantech-inc.com.

TranTech

4900 Seminary Rd.
Suite 215
Alexandria, VA 22311
P. 703.671.9873
F. 703.671.8484
trantech-inc.com

MEGGITT
SAFETY SYSTEMS
smart engineering for
extreme environments
www.meggittsafety.com

We are proud to salute
the Men and Women
of the
United States Naval Academy

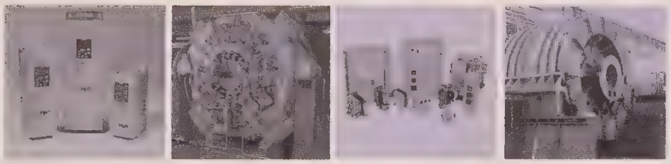
nassco
A GENERAL DYNAMICS COMPANY
2798 Harbor Drive
San Diego, CA 92113
www.nassco.com

U.S. Navy photo used with permission, without endorsement expressed or implied.

INTEGRATED POWER, PROPULSION AND CONTROL EQUIPMENT

PROMOTE

- Ship Automation
- Greater Speed & Maneuverability
- Increased Power for Weapons & Sensors
- Fuel Savings



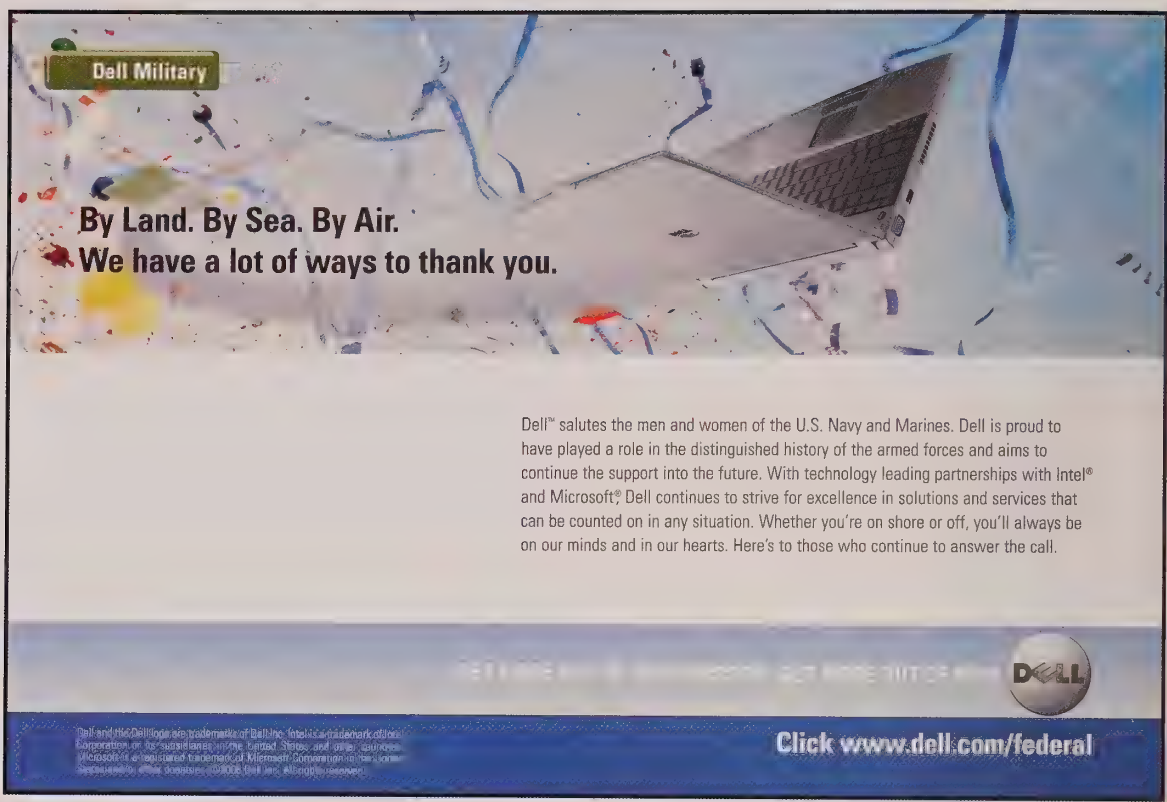
DRS is the only U.S. provider that can deliver totally integrated, high-performance, electric drive solutions to the U.S. Navy. With power equipment on every surface and submarine combatant since WWII, our heritage is unparalleled in the industry. From power generation and conversion to distribution, propulsion, control systems and networks, DRS is powering up the 21st century Navy.

Just what you'd expect from a world leader in defense technology.

Tomorrow's Technology. Today.

DRS TECHNOLOGIES

www.drs.com • 414.875.2900



By Land. By Sea. By Air.
We have a lot of ways to thank you.

Dell™ salutes the men and women of the U.S. Navy and Marines. Dell is proud to have played a role in the distinguished history of the armed forces and aims to continue the support into the future. With technology leading partnerships with Intel® and Microsoft® Dell continues to strive for excellence in solutions and services that can be counted on in any situation. Whether you're on shore or off, you'll always be on our minds and in our hearts. Here's to those who continue to answer the call.

Dell and the Dell logo are trademarks of Dell Inc. Intel is a trademark of Intel Corporation or its subsidiaries in the United States and other countries. Microsoft is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries. ©2005 Dell Inc. All rights reserved.

Click www.dell.com/federal

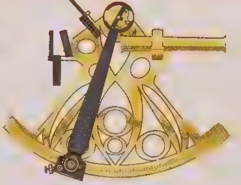
Sabre
SABRE SYSTEMS, INC.
Experience • Quality • Results

The vendor of choice for IT needs.
The employer of choice for IT professionals.

www.sabresystems.com | Phone: 703-535-8120

CHARTING A COURSE FOR SUCCESS!

DETERMINED
EXPERIENCED
COMMITTED
PREPARED



PENTAGON
PUBLISHING, INC.
www.pentagon-usa.com
info@pentagon-usa.com

FNH USA

Congratulations 2005 Graduates!

Best of luck with all your future endeavors!

FNH USA
PO Box 869
McLean, VA 22101 USA
Phone: (703) 288-3500
Fax: (703) 288-4505

www.boeing.com

FREEDOM STANDS BECAUSE HEROES SERVE.

The brave men and women who serve in our armed forces protect our freedom and the freedom of the world. We honor their courage and their unselfish commitment to duty.

Heroes, every one.

BOEING®
Forever New Frontiers

USS Harry S. Truman/US Navy Photo

We Proudly Salute the future leaders of the Navy and Marine Corps.

GEICO
geico.com
1-800-MILITARY

North Texas Circuit Board, Inc.
Salute the men and women of the United States Armed Forces!
Thanks for keeping us safe and free!

North Texas Circuit Board is a high-tech manufacturer of Mil-Spec printed circuit boards to the US Military & Govt. Prime Contractors

North Texas Circuit Board

www.NTCB.com

Paul Olson, Sales Director

972-790-7610

NORTH TEXAS ★ NTCB ★ CIRCUIT BOARD

We help
Provide the
Power!

For over 125 years Stanadyne has been a supplier to the American military. Today, our precision manufactured diesel fuel injection equipment helps power generator sets and one of the military's toughest vehicles, the HUMVEE. We're proud of our diesel fuel injection equipment that helps power your mission, but we're even prouder of America's servicemen and women, who count on it everyday.

STANADYNE

Stanadyne Corporation, 92 Deerfield Road, Windsor CT 06095-4209 USA • Tel (860) 525-0821 • Fax (860) 683-4582
www.stanadyne.com

Any business that depends on nature must also make sure nature can depend on it.

At Cargill, our basic business is nourishing people. Around the globe, we invest for the long term in agriculture, food production, supply chain and ingredient management, and health and nutrition. So preserving the productivity of the world's food-producing resources is important to us. We believe good corporate citizens should protect the environment and communities they touch. It's a pursuit that we feel is the right way to do business. For us, nourishing people begins with respecting the places they live.

www.cargill.com

© 2005 Cargill, Incorporated

Cargill™

Nourishing Ideas. Nourishing People.™

Congratulations
Class of 2005!

Navy Federal salutes your hard work
and wishes you success in the future!

NAVY FEDERAL
Credit Union

Naval Academy Member Service Center
Bancroft Hall, 3rd Wing
101 Wilson Road
(410) 268-0043
navyfcu.org

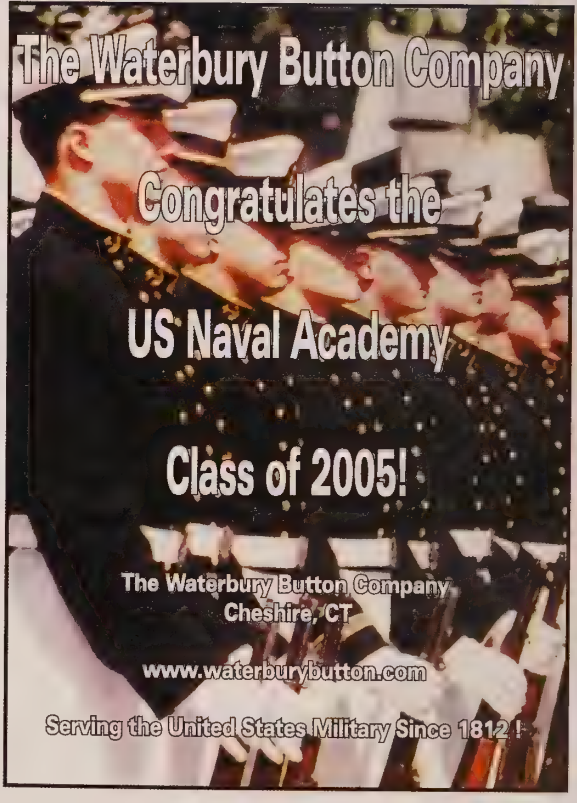
Congratulations
Graduates!

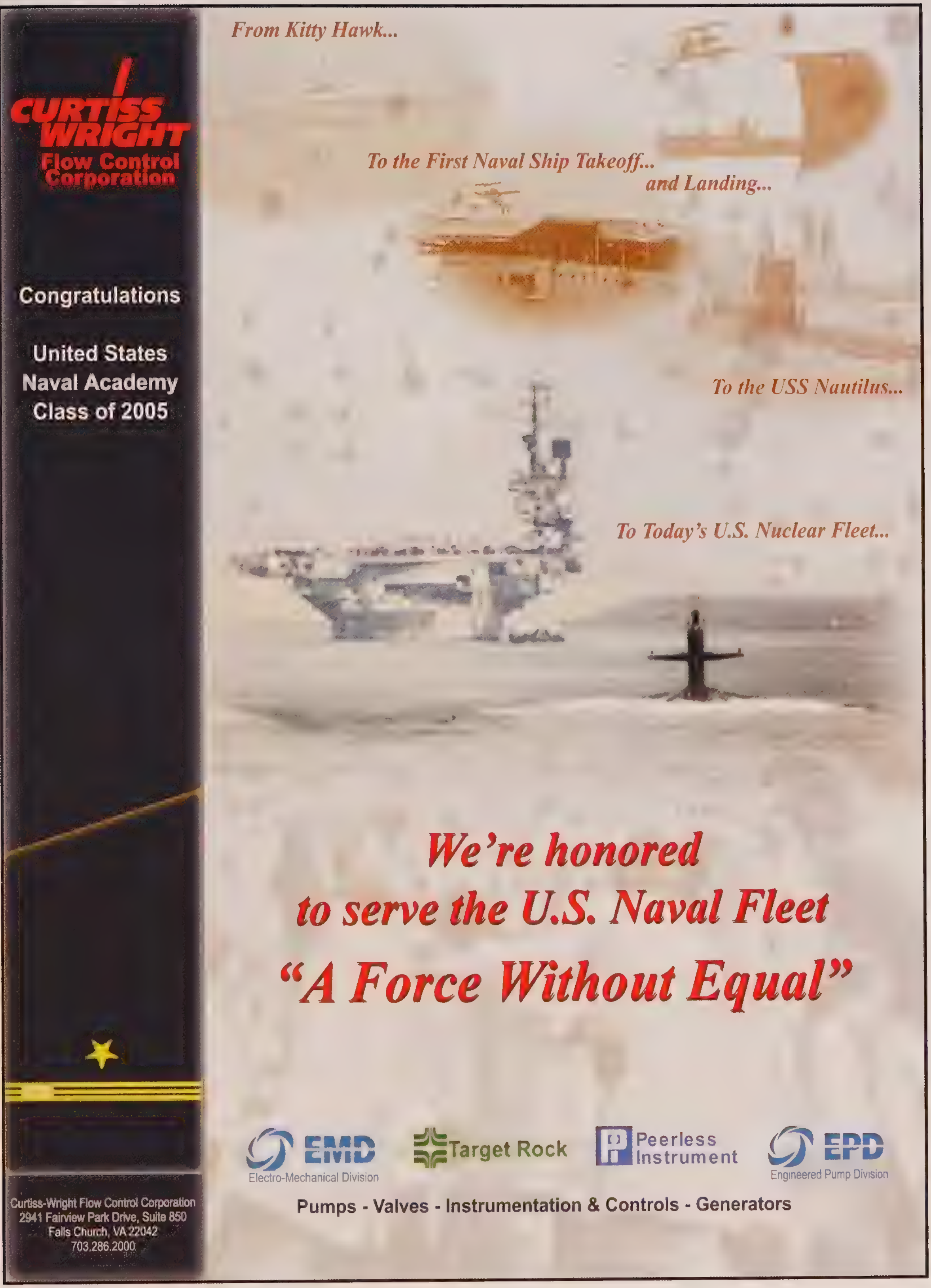
DB
DESBUILD INCORPORATE
Engineers & Contractors

We proudly salute the
United States Naval
Academy

Providing services to the Federal,
State and Local Governments
And private industry since 1993.

4744 Baltimore Avenue
Hyattsville, MD • 20781-2225
TEL 301-864-4095 • FAX 301-864-3856
www.desbuild.com


The Waterbury Button Company
Congratulates the
US Naval Academy
Class of 2005!
The Waterbury Button Company
Cheshire, CT
www.waterburybutton.com
Serving the United States Military Since 1812!



CURTISS WRIGHT
Flow Control
Corporation

Congratulations

United States
Naval Academy
Class of 2005

From Kitty Hawk...

To the First Naval Ship Takeoff...
and Landing...

To the USS Nautilus...

To Today's U.S. Nuclear Fleet...

We're honored
to serve the U.S. Naval Fleet
"A Force Without Equal"

EMD Electro-Mechanical Division
Target Rock
Peerless Instrument
EPD Engineered Pump Division

Pumps - Valves - Instrumentation & Controls - Generators

Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation
2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 850
Falls Church, VA 22042
703.286.2000

ARE YOU YOUR OWN WORST ENEMY?

Are you frequency managing to avoid blocking channels in your data/comm system?

Using a Pole/Zero Filter/PA in your system will preclude the need for frequency managment and result in the following:
- Enhanced Range
- Greater Channel Availability

Our Filter/PA products improve broadband noise performance in Transmit modes while performing double duty as a Preselection Filter in Receive Modes, resulting in:
- Clear Channel Performance
- Maximum Data Throughput

We provide a clear channel for your agile voice and data links.

We offer the most extensive line of cosite communication solutions.

225 to 400MHz
30 to 400MHz
20 to 3000MHz

Contact Pole/Zero Corporation, *the premier provider of RF Cosite Solutions.*

POLE ZERO CORPORATION
5530 Union Centre Drive / West Chester, Ohio 45069
513-870-9060 / Fax:513-870-9064
www.polezero.com support@polezero.com

The Haskell Company
Annapolis Design-Build Team

RMF ENGINEERING INC. PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS rmf

GREEN

We proudly salute the brave men and women serving in the United States Navy!

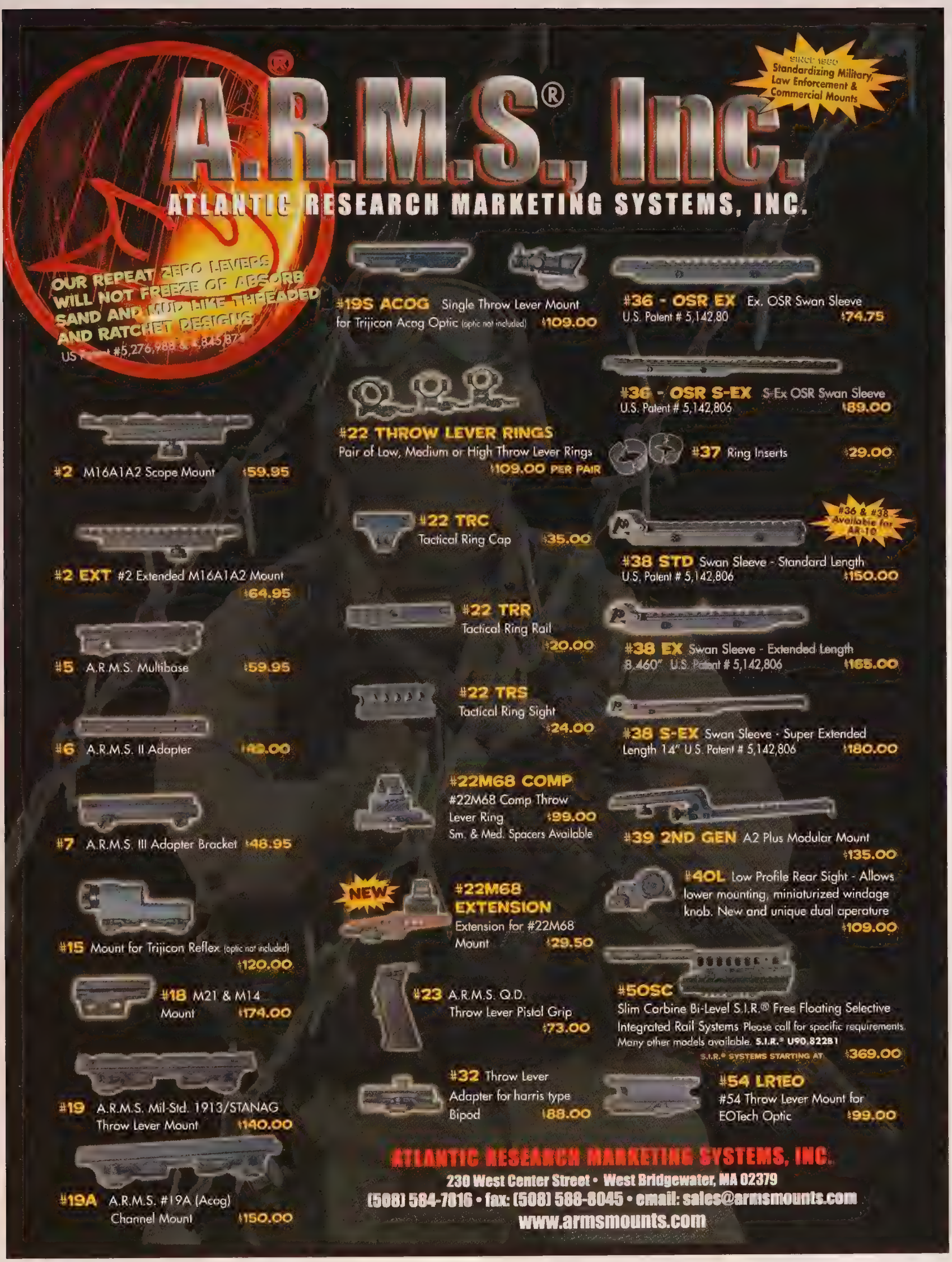
111 Riverside Avenue - Jacksonville, Florida 32202 - 904-357-4923 - john.brendel@thehaskellco.com

congratulations
class of 2005

South Bay Boiler Repair
1224 Roosevelt Avenue
San Diego, CA 91950
(619) 474-8563

Proud Navy Parents • Lt. Robert Wilkerson, Class of '00

GO NAVY, BEAT ARMY!



A.R.M.S.® Inc.

ATLANTIC RESEARCH MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC.

SINCE 1980
Standardizing Military, Law Enforcement & Commercial Mounts

OUR REPEAT ZERO LEVERS WILL NOT FREEZE OR ABSORB SAND AND MUD LIKE THREADED AND RATCHET DESIGNS
US Patent #5,276,988 & 4,845,871

#2 M16A1A2 Scope Mount $59.95

#2 EXT #2 Extended M16A1A2 Mount $64.95

#5 A.R.M.S. Multibase $59.95

#6 A.R.M.S. II Adapter $49.00

#7 A.R.M.S. III Adapter Bracket $48.95

#15 Mount for Trijicon Reflex (optic not included) $120.00

#18 M21 & M14 Mount $174.00

#19 A.R.M.S. Mil-Std. 1913/STANAG Throw Lever Mount $140.00

#19A A.R.M.S. #19A (Acog) Channel Mount $150.00

#19S ACOG Single Throw Lever Mount for Trijicon Acog Optic (optic not included) $109.00

#22 THROW LEVER RINGS
Pair of Low, Medium or High Throw Lever Rings $109.00 PER PAIR

#22 TRC
Tactical Ring Cap $35.00

#22 TRR
Tactical Ring Rail $20.00

#22 TRS
Tactical Ring Sight $24.00

#22M68 COMP
#22M68 Comp Throw Lever Ring $99.00
Sm. & Med. Spacers Available

NEW

#22M68 EXTENSION
Extension for #22M68 Mount $29.50

#23 A.R.M.S. Q.D. Throw Lever Pistol Grip $73.00

#32 Throw Lever Adapter for harris type Bipod $88.00

#36 - OSR EX Ex. OSR Swan Sleeve
U.S. Patent # 5,142,80 $74.75

#36 - OSR S-EX S-Ex OSR Swan Sleeve
U.S. Patent # 5,142,806 $89.00

#37 Ring Inserts $29.00

#36 & #38 Available for AR-10

#38 STD Swan Sleeve - Standard Length
U.S. Patent # 5,142,806 $150.00

#38 EX Swan Sleeve - Extended Length
8.460" U.S. Patent # 5,142,806 $165.00

#38 S-EX Swan Sleeve - Super Extended
Length 14" U.S. Patent # 5,142,806 $180.00

#39 2ND GEN A2 Plus Modular Mount $135.00

#40L Low Profile Rear Sight - Allows lower mounting, miniaturized windage knob. New and unique dual aperature $109.00

#50SC
Slim Carbine Bi-Level S.I.R.® Free Floating Selective Integrated Rail Systems Please call for specific requirements. Many other models available. S.I.R.® U90,822B1
S.I.R.® SYSTEMS STARTING AT $369.00

#54 LR1EO
#54 Throw Lever Mount for EOTech Optic $99.00

ATLANTIC RESEARCH MARKETING SYSTEMS, INC.
230 West Center Street • West Bridgewater, MA 02379
(508) 584-7816 • fax: (508) 588-8045 • email: sales@armsmounts.com
www.armsmounts.com

Securing the Future

USA

Garden Grove
714-893-7531

Fort Worth
817-921-2220

Europe

Kings Norton
44-121-606-4100

Portsmouth
44-239-267-5200

Luton
44-158-273-1441

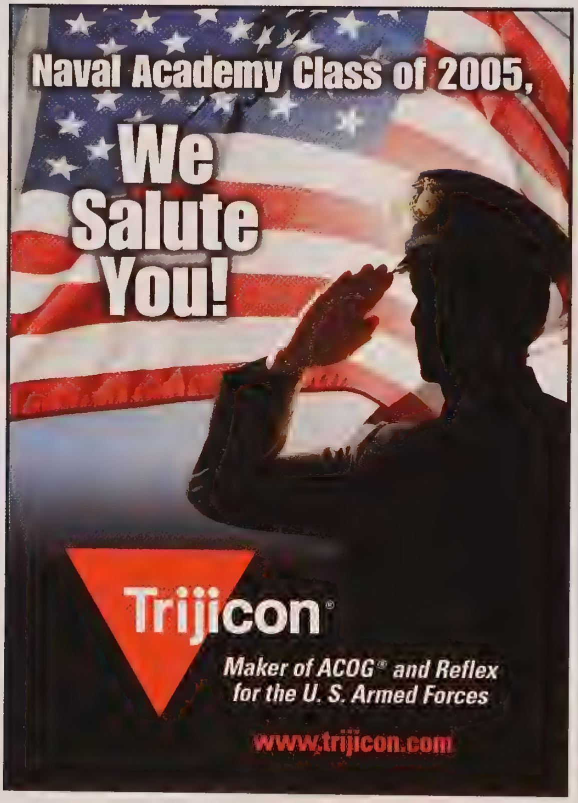
Asia

Thailand
66-2-516-1058

Utilizing extensive experience gained over 60 years of innovation, GKN Aerospace is the leading supplier of military windscreens, inflatable recovery systems, fuel tank systems and fabricated structures and components with fifteen centers of manufacturing excellence in Europe, North America, and Australasia together with specialist repair and overhaul facilities.

GKN AEROSPACE

www.gkntransparencysystems.com



Naval Academy Class of 2005,

We Salute You!

Trijicon®

Maker of ACOG® and Reflex for the U. S. Armed Forces

www.trijicon.com

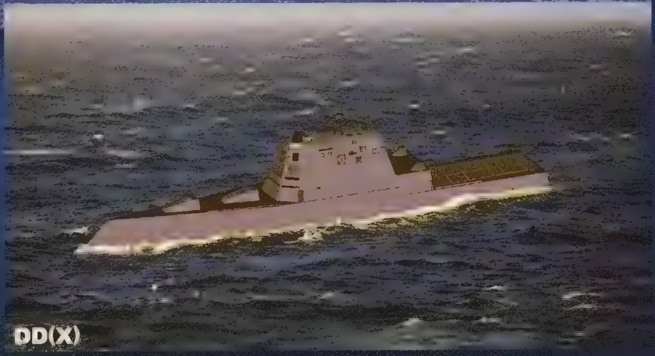
Welch's

SINCE 1869 ®

CONGRATULATIONS!

U.S. Naval Academy · Class of 2005

CVN 21



DD(X)

Developing Advanced Technologies
for the Ships You'll Command Tomorrow

GENERAL ATOMICS
3550 General Atomics Court
San Diego CA 92121
www.ga.com

NEANY
Congratulations! Class of 2005
The sky is the limit!
Possibilities . . .
MEDEVAC-UAV
ARROW UAV
North Eastern Aeronautical Company
NEANY, INC.

General Petroleum
Congratulates the
United States Naval Academy's
Class of 2005

19501 S. Santa Fe Ave.
Rancho Domingez, CA 90221
Ph: 800-659-5823
Fax: 310-637-9231

1306 Canal Blvd
Richmond, CA 94804
Ph: 510-237-1184
Fax: 510-237-7463

www.generalpetroleum.com

Liberty Maritime Corporation

Salutes
The United States Naval Academy
Class of 2005

Congratulations
On All of Your Achievements
And Best of Luck
In All Your Future Endeavors

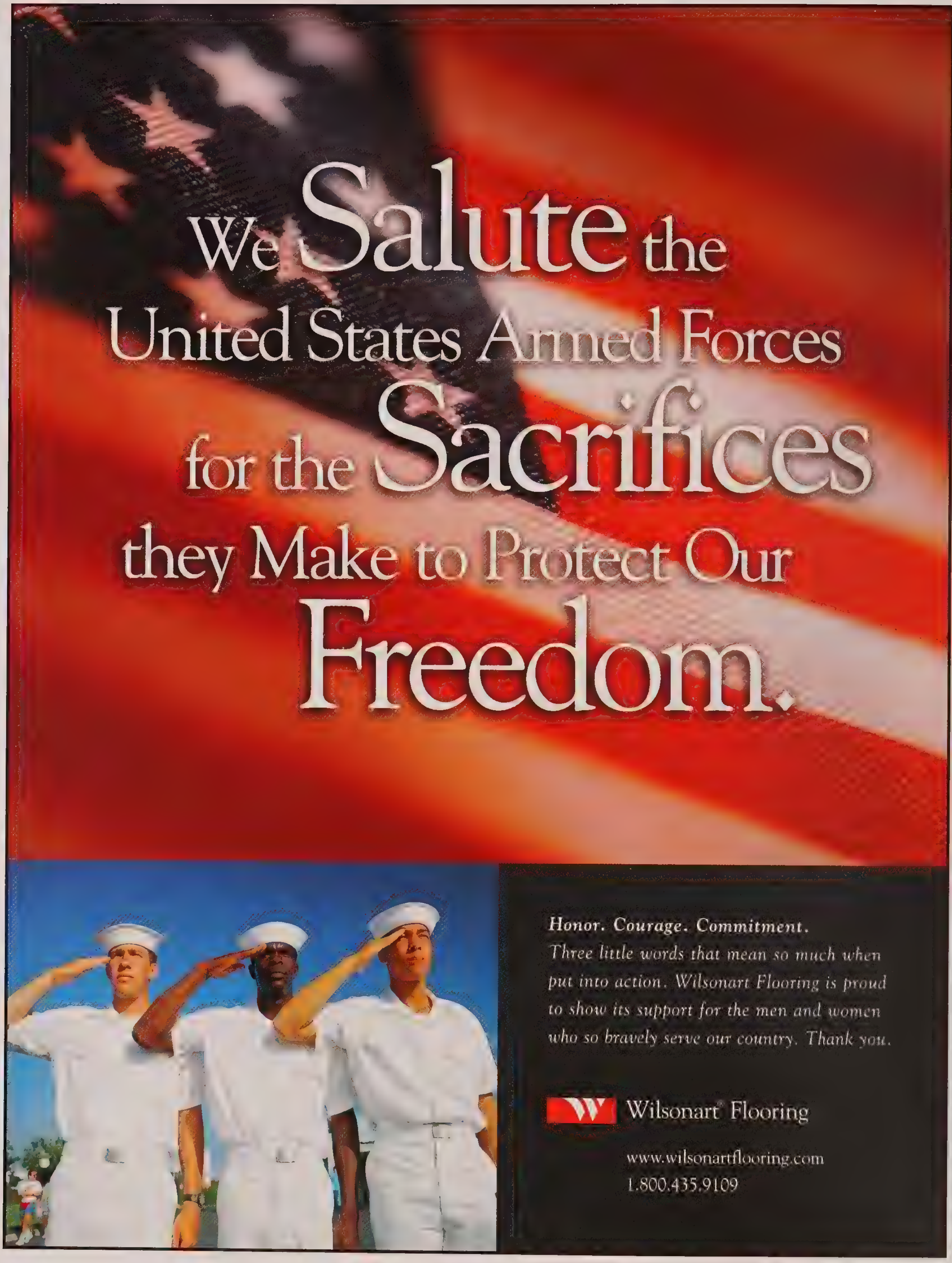
Suite 200
1979 Marcus Avenue
Lake Success, New York

Congratulations!

...to the graduates of the
United States Naval Academy
on accomplishing your mission.

Wherever in the world duty takes you, the Army & Air Force Exchange Service will be there to provide you and your families with the best merchandise and services at the best prices. This is a mission we've accomplished for over 108 years. Make AAFES your first shopping choice, we look forward to serving you.

AAFES BX/PX


We Salute the
United States Armed Forces
for the Sacrifices
they Make to Protect Our
Freedom.

Honor. Courage. Commitment.
Three little words that mean so much when put into action. Wilsonart Flooring is proud to show its support for the men and women who so bravely serve our country. Thank you.

Wilsonart® Flooring

www.wilsonartflooring.com
1.800.435.9109

Quest Software salutes the Class of 2005!

We applaud your personal commitment to excellence and heroic service to our country!

At Quest, we are committed to providing unique and innovative products that help customers get more performance and productivity from their applications, databases, and infrastructure. From the Warfighter to the CIO, Quest Software's deep expertise in IT operations allow customers to expect more from their IT investment.

QUEST SOFTWARE®
You can expect more!
www.quest.com

Protecting Our Future

We salute Naval Academy Graduates of 2005

BAE SYSTEMS salutes the new graduates of the United States Naval Academy who are poised to meet our nation's security needs and freedom's challenges worldwide. In moving forward with Acadamy graduates, BAE Systems is contributing unparalleled legacy system support as well as the experience and innovation for seamless integration of leading-edge new naval system and technologies.

As new graduates go forward to meet the challenging mission of protecting our Nation around the world, BAE Systems will serve in unison to provide the latest systems for surface, undersea, and air warfare platforms. From the Acadamy to the Fleet - BAE Systems salutes those protecting our future.

www.baesystems.com

BAE SYSTEMS

How do you improve on supremacy?
Keep watching this space.

Aircraft carriers are the cornerstone of the Navy's SEA POWER 21 initiative. Northrop Grumman works closely with the Navy to design, build, and upgrade these vital ships. Now, we're taking a revolutionary step that will make the best even better. CVN 21 — the next-generation aircraft carrier — will incorporate many innovations, including an enhanced flight deck, a redesigned island and an improved nuclear power plant. The resulting benefits, such as increased sortie rates, reduced weight and more power will advance the Navy's ability to project force worldwide. CVN 21. Look for it to advance the Navy's Sea Strike, Sea Shield and Sea Basing abilities.

NORTHROP GRUMMAN
DEFINING THE FUTURE

www.northropgrumman.com
©2005 Northrop Grumman Corporation

Son

Daughter

Father

Mother

Wife

Husband

Friend

Neighbor

Coworker

Sailor

Dominion proudly supports the brave men and women, and their families, who have served their nation in the military. Their sacrifices in the defense of freedom inspire us all.

Dominion

Technology that helps warfighters defend the country they serve and return to the people they love

Aegis Destroyer equipped with:
• SPS-73 Navigation Radar
• OT-188 Transmitters for the SPY-1D Radar
• SLQ-32A (V)3 Electronic Warfare Syst
• Phalanx, Tomahawk, ESSM a
Missile Systems
• MK-46, MK-

At Raytheon, the array of military capabilities we give to each and every warfighter is proven, reliable, and precise—delivering distinct operational advantages and information superiority. So no matter where their missions may take them, or what they may require, our brave men and women will have what it takes to succeed…and return home to the people they love.

www.raytheon.com

Raytheon

Customer Success Is Our Mission

©2005 Raytheon Company. All rights reserved

Well done
Sharing your pride in service
NEX★NAVY EXCHANGE
Your "Navy Family" Store!

Class of 2005

CONGRATULATIONS
US Naval Academy

Welcome to your future. We salute you as you carry on a proud tradition dating back to the earliest days of our country.

The bonds you've forged at the US Naval Academy will endure throughout your life. The same is true of MOAA. When you become a member, you're joining a community of officers who share a sense of camaraderie and common interests.

As you embark on the road ahead, MOAA is ready to serve you throughout your life. From graduation to retirement, nearly 380,000 members rely on us for the tools and resources to meet the challenges along the way.

Find out why more officers choose MOAA for the road ahead: visit www.joinmoaa.org/usna

MOAA
Military Officers Association of America
One Powerful Voice.

www.joinmoaa.org/usna

www.anteon.com
Because It's A Matter of National Security
Missile defense
Weapons modernization
Logistics modernization
Training and simulation
Secure ID and access control solutions
Anteon

OCEANEERING®

Marine Services

Salutes the
U. S. Naval Academy

CACI Salutes the Graduates of 2005

Honor. Courage. Commitment.

These are not just words, but a way of life that U.S. Naval Academy graduates incorporate into their daily lives. CACI understands this commitment and stands behind the Navy. We have been a faithful partner since 1963.

We extend our best wishes to the Class of 2005. Count on us to be Ever Vigilant in our support of the Navy.

CACI
EVER VIGILANT

www.caci.com

©CACI 2005 A118_0506_USNALuckyBag

Welcome to the "Extended Brigade," Class of 2005!

The U.S. Naval Academy Alumni Association and Foundation congratulate you. We are proud to recognize you as leaders ready to serve the nation. Stay connected—**www.usna.com.**

Fair Winds and Following Seas

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
FOUNDATION

OCEANEERING®

Marine Services

Supporting the U. S. Navy
Submarine & Ship Repair

EVERGREEN

"Quality Without Compromise"

HELICOPTERS TO BOEING 747 AIRCRAFT

1-907-257-1519

CASCADE GENERAL
PORTLAND SHIPYARD

5555 North Channel Avenue • Portland, Oregon USA 97217

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2005

Cascade General operates Portland Shipyard, a complete ship repair and industrial facility. We provide full-service repairs and conversion for tankers, bulk carriers, container ships, government vessels, tugs, barges and workboats. Our facility includes a 96- acre (38.8 ha) yard, 550,000 square feet (51,096 square meters) of craft shops, more that 7,600 ft. (2,326 meters) of full-service repair berths, and two floating dry docks. Cascade General also provides emergency topside repairs at any location on the West Coast. We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.

We Celebrate Your Success.

Congratulations Class of 2005

From Plebe Summer...

You have worked hard, learned many things and achieved many goals.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with so many outstanding individuals.

I am honored to be a part of *The Lucky Bag Yearbook.*

Jim Rainey

Davor Photography
3580 Progress Drive, Suite G
Bensalem, Pennsylvania 19020
www.davor.com

... to Graduation Day

Congratulations to the Class of 2005.

We appreciate you allowing us to continue the tradition of helping you to preserve the memories.

A very special thank you to the staff of *The Lucky Bag Yearbook.*

Julia J. Jordan

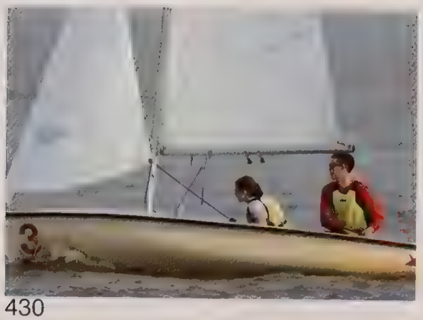
National Headquarters:
Taylor Publishing Company
1550 West Mockingbird Lane
Dallas, Texas 75235
www.tayloryearbooks.com

Local Office:
Taylor Publishing Company
85 Ashlar Hill Court
Parkville, Maryland 21234
yrbkexpert@aol.com

UNITED STATES NAVAL ACADEMY
1845

[illegible]
Index 430-435
Yearbook Staff 436-441
Editors' Thoughts ... 442-445
Editors' Thanks..... 446-447
Final Word................. 448

VARSITY SPORTS



Baseball...................200
Basketball (M)........186
Basketball (W)........184
Crew(H)...................202
Crew(L)...................204
Crew(W)..................206
Cross Country(M).....164
Cross Country(W).....162
Football..................178
Golf.........................218
Gymnastics..............198
Lacrosse...................220
Rifle.........................188
Sailing(IC)..............214

VARSITY SPORTS

Sailing(OS)..............216
Soccer(M)...............170
Soccer(W)...............168
Sprint Football...........174
Squash...................186
Swimming(M)..........194
Swimming(W)..........192
Tennis.....................212
Track & Field(M)....210
Track & Field(W)....208
Volleyball(W)..........166
Water Polo..............172
Wrestling.................196

NAVY
19
NAVY
11
NAVY
20
NAVY
6

CLUB SPORTS

Boxing....................242

Cheerleading..............230

Combat Arms...............232

Cycling...................233

Hockey....................234

International Pistol......235

Karate....................236

Marathon..................237

CLUB SPORTS

Men's Rugby..............246

Powerlifting..............238

Soccer......................239

Triathlon.................240

Volleyball................241

Softball...................250

Women's Rugby.........248

Women's Lacrosse.......244

E.C.A.

Aikido.....269

American Society of Naval Engineers.....268

Baptist Student Union.....271

Black Studies Club.....275

Brigade Social Affairs.....272

Campus Crusade for Christ.....276

Campus Girl Scouts.....274

Cannoneers.....270

Catholic Midshipmen Club.....270

Chinese American Club.....266

Color Guard.....284

Debate Team.....267

Dolphin Club.....276

Drum and Bugle Corps.....280

Fellowship of Christian Athletes.....274

Fencing Club.....267

Filipino American Club.....264

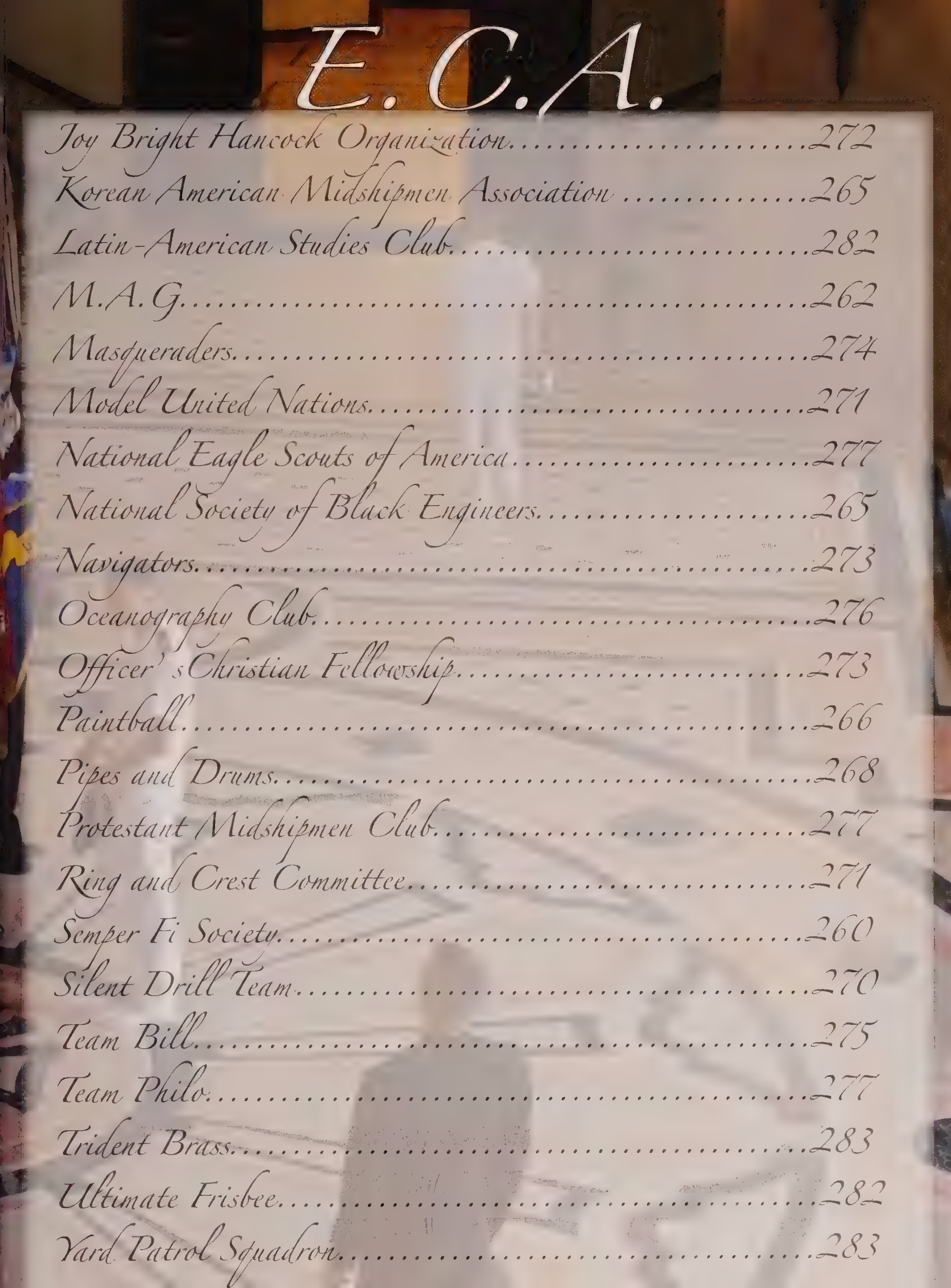
Flying Squadron.....264

German Club.....269

Glee Club.....258

International Ball Committee.....270

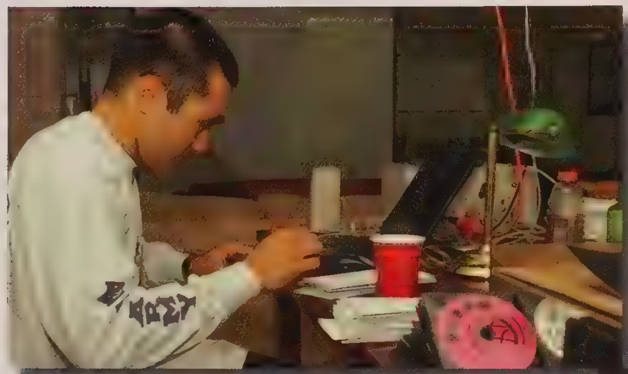
Jewish Midshipmen Club.....275

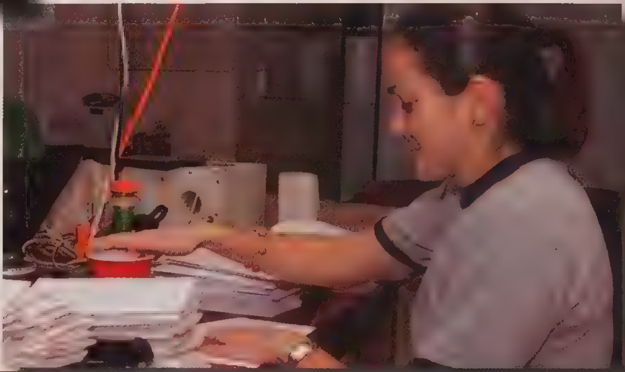


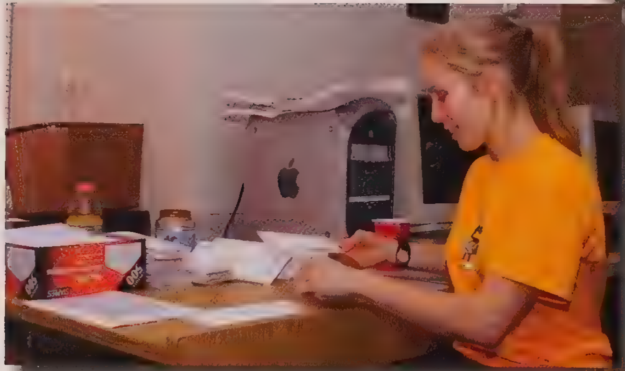
E.C.A.

Joy Bright Hancock Organization.........................272
Korean American Midshipmen Association 265
Latin-American Studies Club..............................282
M.A.G...262
Masqueraders...274
Model United Nations..................................271
National Eagle Scouts of America.......................277
National Society of Black Engineers......................265
Navigators..273
Oceanography Club.....................................276
Officer' sChristian Fellowship..............................273
Paintball...266
Pipes and Drums.......................................268
Protestant Midshipmen Club..............................277
Ring and Crest Committee...............................271
Semper Fi Society.......................................260
Silent Drill Team.......................................270
Team Bill...275
Team Philo..277
Trident Brass..283
Ultimate Frisbee.......................................282
Yard Patrol Squadron...................................283

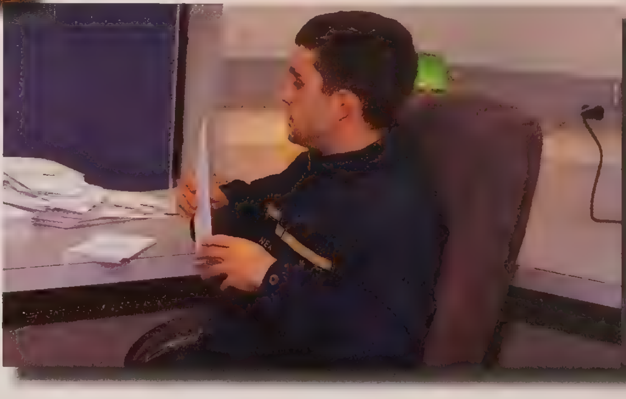
yearbook staff 2005



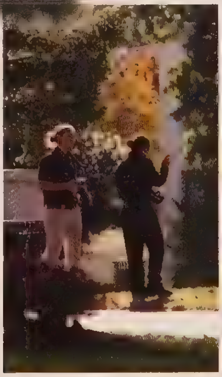


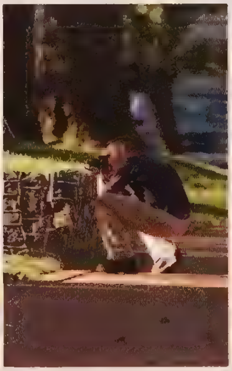


Many hours were spent preparing pages, lists, checking to make sure every game and event was covered, every organization was included, and every midshipman had a photo in the book. We had a staff of dedicated individuals. Thank you all.



A new crop of Lucky Bag photographers getting hands-on training around the Yard.



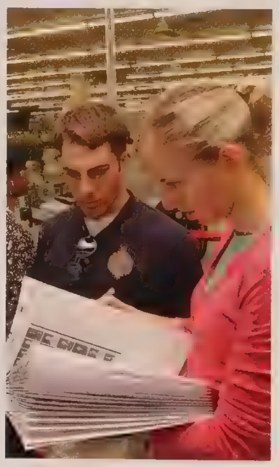


The Lucky Bag Senior Staff took a trip to tour Taylor Publishing. Producing yearbook pages require many hours of training and seeing how our book is produced helped us learn what was needed from us.

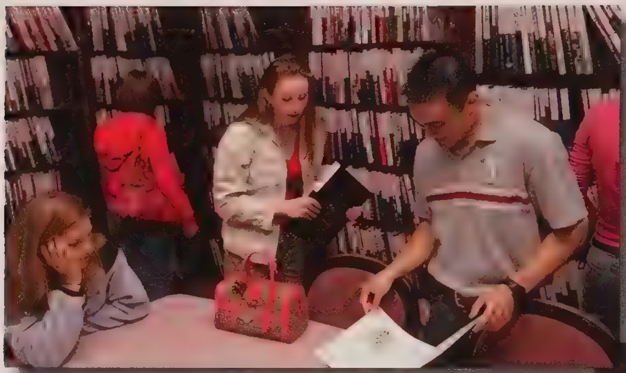
Taylor
PUBLISHING

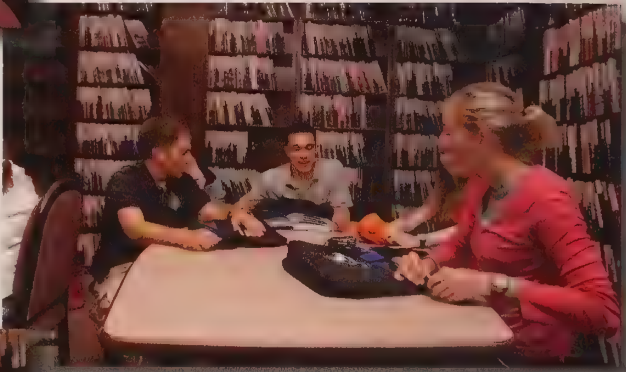
Taylor
PUBLISHING

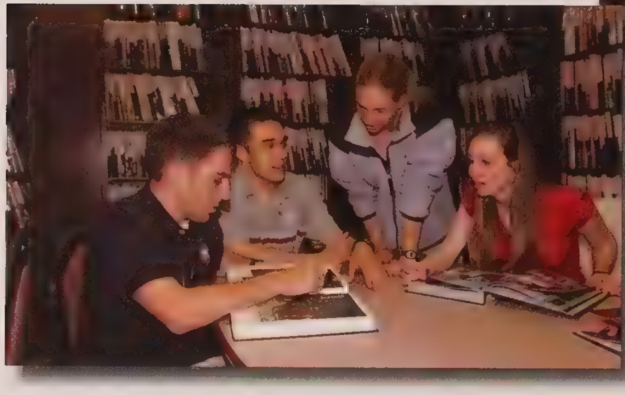
A virtual treasure trove of yearbooks from previous years and other schools give our staff new ideas.



A Taylor representative gives our staff a tour of their facilities.







All too soon, it's time to head back to school. But we are full of new ideas.

Taylor
Taylor
Taylor

Moving many years of archived yearbooks out of Dahlgren was a combination of manual labor and...

DATED MATERIAL
PRINTING AN

gravity

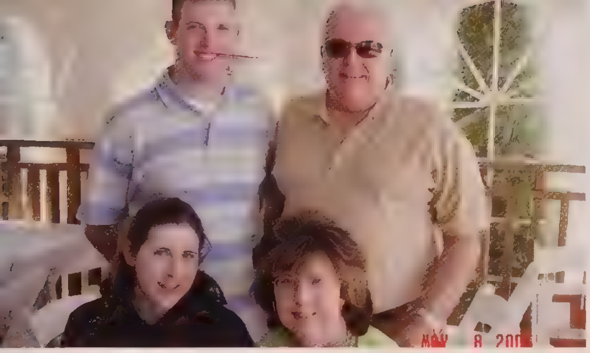
Justin's Thoughts

Well, here I am and it's October and I have just about finished the 2004-2005 edition of the Lucky Bag. Thank God. These are my last pages. I've had the privilege of leaving my mark on all 1000+ pages. It's been an interesting summer. Some days were awesome sitting around the office with nothing to do but play video games. Other days, I was in from 0730 to 2030 trying to get stuff done.

I don't know why I was assigned to the Lucky Bag office; I have never had any experience working with yearbooks. My high school was hopelessly inept at completing yearbooks. I got my sophmore yearbook sometime my senior year, without ever getting a freshmen yearbook, to say nothing about the other two years. I guess they're done, just sitting around somewhere in Puerto Rico.

I don't think I really ever bothered looking at the Lucky Bag from any of the last three years. Oh, I glanced through last year's Lucky Bag long enough to complain about and criticize it in good old midshipmen fashion. In some ways, a lot of my criticisms were valid. Pictures were grainy, cropped too small then blown up too big, there was little in the way of editing, checking for basic grammar and spelling (I realize I am going out on a limb here, I am the worlds worst speller and I freely admit that). There were gaping holes left when the staff had no pictures and no information about an ECA and just left its name to fill up its spot. I thought vaguely about "misplacing" it during one of my moves, especially since the thing way a ton, but I kept it and here I am today in the Lucky Bag office chocking on the very things I've complained about.

Having actually now gone through and been the one in charge of finishing the yearbook, I understand why those things happened. It's incredibly time consuming to try to look over 1000+ pages by yourself, let alone completing a large number of pages that had been left untouched. I have done my absolute best to make sure that the problems I had with last year's book have been fixed in this year's. I tried to catch every photo that was stretched or grainy. I fixed the redeye problems in the photos where I saw them. I've probably looked at every single picture taken last year several times over. I'm sure I missed quite a few. I know words are misspelled and that I've probably used way to many camas in places. But, for what its worth I am proud of the work I have done. I have left my mark on something tangible and for better or worse my mark is a permanent fixture in our yearbook. There are pages in this book that are distinctly mine, and I am proud of them. Overall I am proud of this book. I sincerely hope that my efforts have paid off and that you all are as proud of this book as I am.



To my classmates in the great Class of 2005, should any of you ever read this (other than my fiancée and our families) I have personally gone over every single one of your name probably three or four times at this point. I used the Graduation Program to check names. When I had cause to question the spelling in the program, I turned to the Alumni Website. I did everything possible to ensure that your name was correct in every way. I checked exact use of apostrophes and capitalization, when possible I made sure your full name was used not just initials, and I put in the appropriate suffixes. If after going through your names and pages the numerous times I did, and I still failed to get your name correct, you have my sincerest apologies. I know that is of little consolation, but believe me I am profoundly sorry that your name in your senior yearbook is not correct.

To any ECAs and Club Sports that we, the TAD Ensigns missed, we are sorry. We did not intentionally leave you out. More than likely you just got lost in the shuffle.

And finally to those who just love to complain and are not complete if they aren't complaining about something: when you open this year book and you find something you do not like, before you criticize (though it may be too late) I encourage you to talk to the Lucky Bag staff, go up to the office above the Rotunda in the middle of summer, sit down at one of the computers, and with no experience whatsoever, make the perfect page, with every picture crystal clear and cropped just right, every word spelled correctly, and every single punctuation mark correctly used. Once you've done that, do it over and over and over again until you've done it a thousand times. And when you have your perfect yearbook then you can be happy.

Finally, I just would like to reiterate that I am damn proud of the work I put into this book. I'm proud of the way many of these pages turned out. When I shut down the computer, turn off the lights, walk out of the door and turn around to take a look at the room in which I have spent the last 4 months for the last time, I will do so with a feeling of sadness because I will probably never step foot in this office again. Then I will slowly shut the door, head down the hall, take the elevator downstairs and walk to my car, as I do so, a smile will slowly start to creep over my face. For not only am I getting ready to depart the Academy to begin my life and my career, I will know that I am leaving the Academy having done more in 4 months than I probably ever did in 4 years at the Academy for my Class and my school, and for that I will be eternally thankful for the time I was blessed with to work on the Lucky Bag.

Thank you.

Justin Middlebrook
Summer Editor and
Last Remaining TAD Ensign

Mike Rogers - 2005 Editor In Chief

To sum up the job of editor-in-chief of the Lucky Bag, it would probably take a lot longer than the space I would like to use. This job has been the most demanding in terms of time and organizational skills of anything thing I could have ever encountered. Over one thousand color pages to make, hundreds of parents' emails to deal with, and add all that to the normal load of being a firstie and an athlete, it got tough at times.

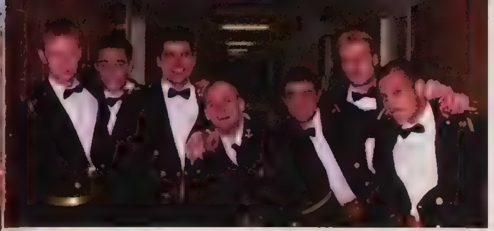
I never really wanted the job of editor too much but since I was the only staff member from the Class of 2005 on the senior staff last year, I kind of fell into the job. Though it was obvious I was going to be editor, for some reason passing down information that I would need never happened until late May, and then it was piecemeal at best. So with the help of John Rodenburg, our jack-of-all-trades, I went out to make our yearbook something the past years hadn't been: cutting edge with content the entire staff, not to mention the entire Brigade, would be proud of.

The more time I spent in the office of the Lucky Bag, the more I realized that we had been operating with substandard equipment for too long. This year marked a huge year of purchases to make our facilities what they are today, thanks in large part to John. We bought seven new computers, thirteen new monitors, eight new cameras, switched entirely from film to digital in one year, and bought a poster printer to help with all those last minute favors that Ops or MWF would ask for. In addition to all that equipment, we scrounged five new desks, a couple couches, bought new chairs and rugs and set up a wardroom like atmosphere up here to get people to actually come in. Basically, thanks to my staff, we had changed the yearbook completely around in less than one year.

Making a yearbook is never easy. I didn't think it was going to be, but then finding out that 2004 was still not close to being finished with their book by September 2004 really made me question the work involved. When I was told it was not completed yet, I did what any person would do, just tell them that my priorities lie with my book, not yours. If anyone associated with the Class of 2004 is reading this, I am sorry, but my book is my responsibility and I would rather take the blame for my own book than one I had to see getting triaged just to get sent out late. And to all the parents of the Class of 2005, I am sorry if I did not make your experience easier as well, though I did try very hard to. Please realize this is your midshipman's yearbook, not your own, and it is made by mids just like yours, not professionals.

I don't think that I would have ever pictured myself as a yearbook editor when I first got here. I was straight out of high school and still self-assured. Well, having the last real plebe summer changed that, as well as a little incident during Army Week, which led to a broken arm of an Army Cadet and me being one of the first members of '05 to serve restriction. I learned from it of course, but I never could shake the stigma from the officers of having a UCMJ assault change on the conduct record.

I became involved with Lucky Bag because I thought it would be a creative outlet for me and would be a good ECA to be a part of.



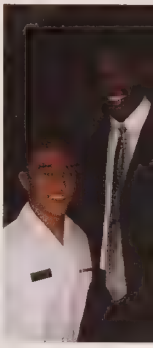
Little did I know that the organization was bad and getting stuff done was very difficult. I kept coming back to it because I wanted to make it something I am proud of. The countless hours put into this book by so many different people will show through. I knew that I would be taking on a thankless job, but if I could change the yearbook for the better, it would al be worth it. We set that goal from the beginning of the year, to make a book that would be better than anyone ever seen before at USNA. We gave up lunches, liberty and leave just to produce another mediocre book.

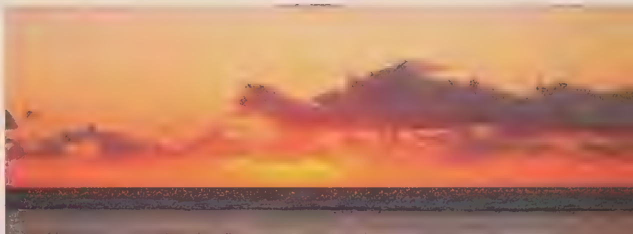
Like Admiral Locklear used to say, "This place is not Camelot." I know we have all realized this at some time or another, but I hope that you all reading this have developed the same love and reverence to the Academy that I have developed. There is no place I would rather graduate from, with all the history and tradition that surrounds us on a daily basis. Each day may seem the same, but it's the breaks in mundane routine that really make you realize what you have to be thankful for by being a part of "this fine institution."

To all of the Class of 2005, thank you for making these four years here the best undergraduate experience that could have ever been imagined. I agree with what Captain Liedig said, we should go down in history as one of the greatest classes to ever graduate from Annapolis. We came to a cynical Brigade, with struggling athletic programs and a serious us-versus-them problem. We left with the Spirit of the Brigade formed by our leadership, championship athletic programs, and an attitude that it was just us, not them, that could determine our happiness here. Look at every successful team on the yard, their success was due to a strong core of leadership from our class, you can't dent that. As for the Spirit of the Brigade, you all remember going to sporting events as mandatory as a plebe, we no longer have that problem, with our classmate standing at the edge of the field, leading the cheers for our classmates on the field.

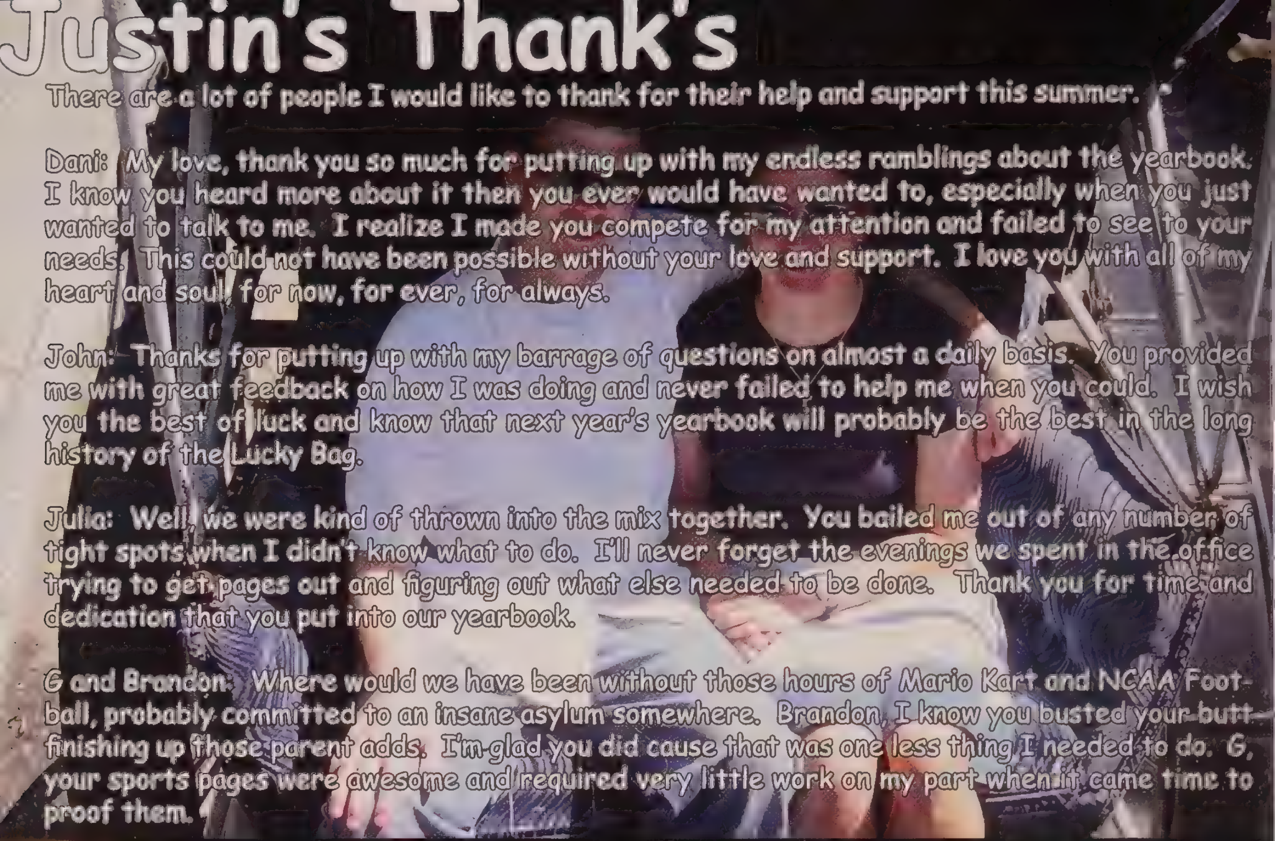
We came here thinking that our next war was decades away. Less than one month after Plebe Summer, September 11th hit us all. We will be the last class for a long time to enroll at the Academy during peacetime, motivated solely by service and sacrifice to a democracy that wasn't threaten. Now we stand up to take commissions during a Global War on Terror, ready to lead sailors and Marines into harm's way. We often hear about how we are standing at a unique period in history, where the future of the Navy and Marine Corps is not entirely certain and threats to our nation our more serious than ever. To that idea, I can only say, do not be overwhelmed by the uniqueness of our time. Every generation of Americans have faced new challenges and our's is no different. Take solace in the fact that we are the first to come of age in an era with only America as the superpower, and it will be our actions that will determine the future of our country.

So in closing, I would just like to congratulate the Class of 2005 for four memorable ears, ones that changed our lives and the Naval Academy as a whole. They say you never have it as good as when you are a First Class Midshipman, and thanks to all of you for making it a year that will be difficult to surpass. To the Class of 2006, good luck next year in taking over the leadership of the Brigade and keep up the steady trend of improvement that the Brigade has seen. To the Classes of 2007 and 2008, your time will come, do everything you can to prepare yourselves for when it does.





Justin's Thank's



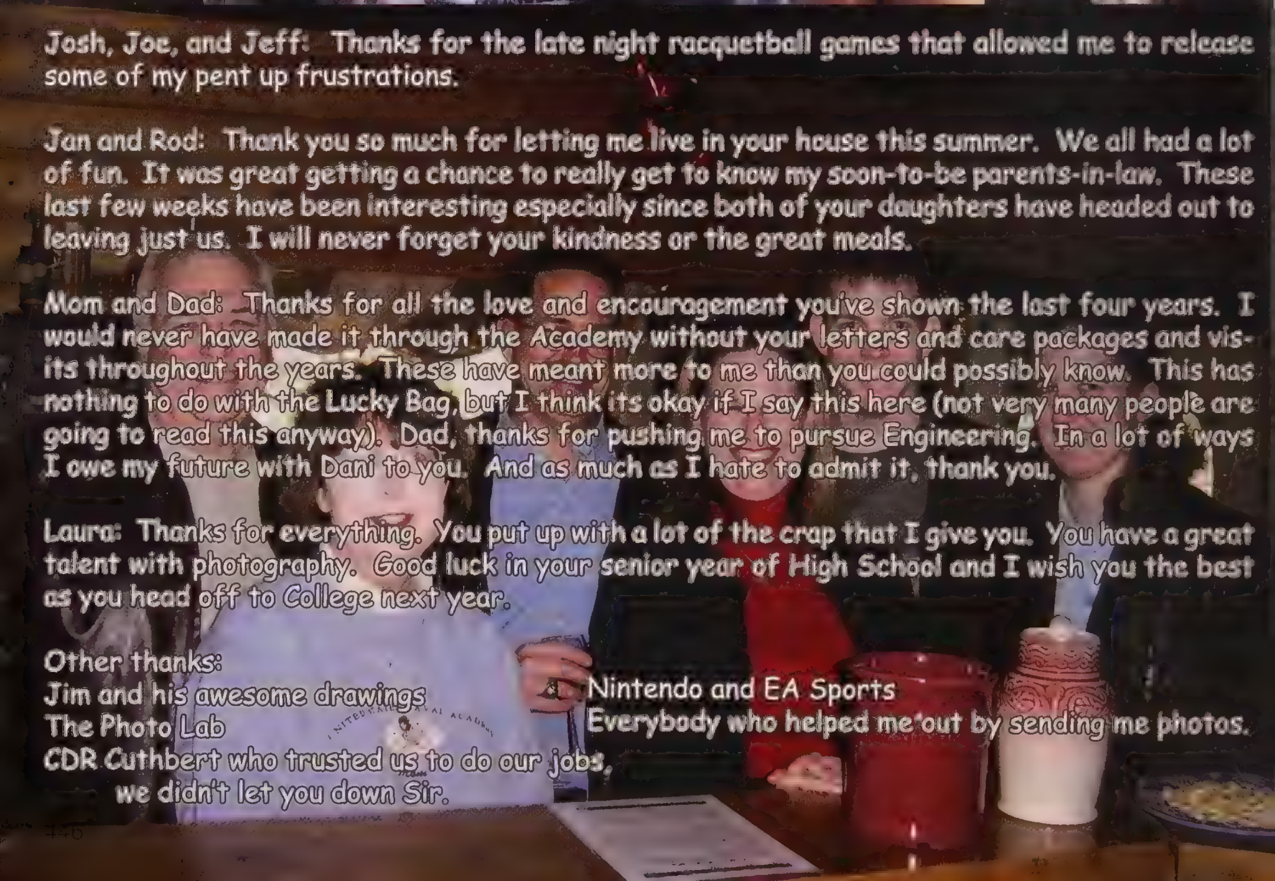
There are a lot of people I would like to thank for their help and support this summer.

Dani: My love, thank you so much for putting up with my endless ramblings about the yearbook. I know you heard more about it then you ever would have wanted to, especially when you just wanted to talk to me. I realize I made you compete for my attention and failed to see to your needs. This could not have been possible without your love and support. I love you with all of my heart and soul, for now, for ever, for always.

John: Thanks for putting up with my barrage of questions on almost a daily basis. You provided me with great feedback on how I was doing and never failed to help me when you could. I wish you the best of luck and know that next year's yearbook will probably be the best in the long history of the Lucky Bag.

Julia: Well, we were kind of thrown into the mix together. You bailed me out of any number of tight spots when I didn't know what to do. I'll never forget the evenings we spent in the office trying to get pages out and figuring out what else needed to be done. Thank you for time and dedication that you put into our yearbook.

G and Brandon: Where would we have been without those hours of Mario Kart and NCAA Football, probably committed to an insane asylum somewhere. Brandon, I know you busted your butt finishing up those parent adds. I'm glad you did cause that was one less thing I needed to do. G, your sports pages were awesome and required very little work on my part when it came time to proof them.



Josh, Joe, and Jeff: Thanks for the late night racquetball games that allowed me to release some of my pent up frustrations.

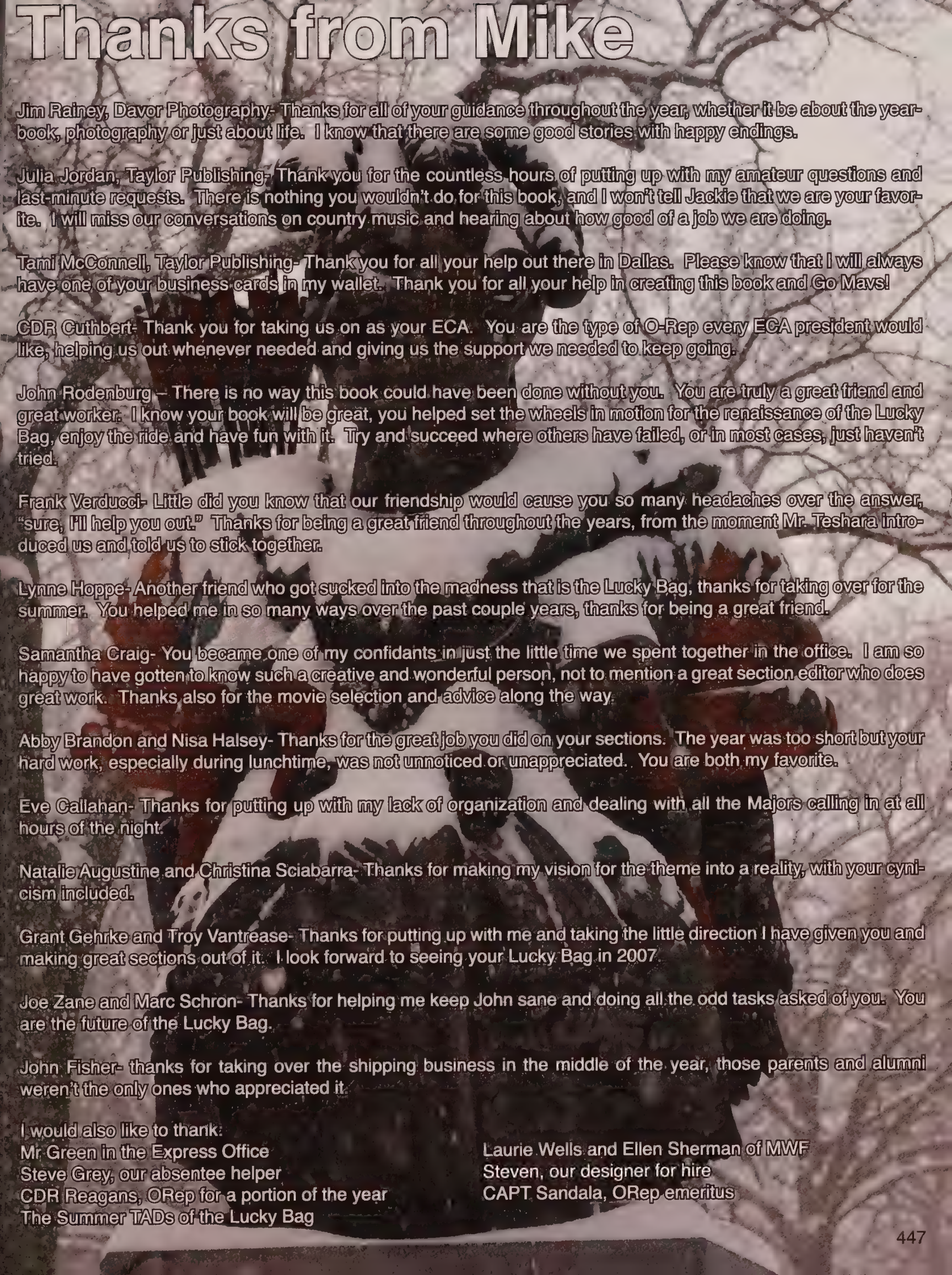
Jan and Rod: Thank you so much for letting me live in your house this summer. We all had a lot of fun. It was great getting a chance to really get to know my soon-to-be parents-in-law. These last few weeks have been interesting especially since both of your daughters have headed out to leaving just us. I will never forget your kindness or the great meals.

Mom and Dad: Thanks for all the love and encouragement you've shown the last four years. I would never have made it through the Academy without your letters and care packages and visits throughout the years. These have meant more to me than you could possibly know. This has nothing to do with the Lucky Bag, but I think its okay if I say this here (not very many people are going to read this anyway). Dad, thanks for pushing me to pursue Engineering. In a lot of ways I owe my future with Dani to you. And as much as I hate to admit it, thank you.

Laura: Thanks for everything. You put up with a lot of the crap that I give you. You have a great talent with photography. Good luck in your senior year of High School and I wish you the best as you head off to College next year.

Other thanks:
Jim and his awesome drawings
The Photo Lab
CDR Cuthbert who trusted us to do our jobs,
we didn't let you down Sir.

Nintendo and EA Sports
Everybody who helped me out by sending me photos.



Thanks from Mike

Jim Rainey, Davor Photography- Thanks for all of your guidance throughout the year, whether it be about the yearbook, photography or just about life. I know that there are some good stories with happy endings.

Julia Jordan, Taylor Publishing- Thank you for the countless hours of putting up with my amateur questions and last-minute requests. There is nothing you wouldn't do for this book, and I won't tell Jackie that we are your favorite. I will miss our conversations on country music and hearing about how good of a job we are doing.

Tami McConnell, Taylor Publishing- Thank you for all your help out there in Dallas. Please know that I will always have one of your business cards in my wallet. Thank you for all your help in creating this book and Go Mavs!

CDR Cuthbert- Thank you for taking us on as your ECA. You are the type of O-Rep every ECA president would like, helping us out whenever needed and giving us the support we needed to keep going.

John Rodenburg – There is no way this book could have been done without you. You are truly a great friend and great worker. I know your book will be great, you helped set the wheels in motion for the renaissance of the Lucky Bag, enjoy the ride and have fun with it. Try and succeed where others have failed, or in most cases, just haven't tried.

Frank Verducci- Little did you know that our friendship would cause you so many headaches over the answer, "sure, I'll help you out." Thanks for being a great friend throughout the years, from the moment Mr. Teshara introduced us and told us to stick together.

Lynne Hoppe- Another friend who got sucked into the madness that is the Lucky Bag, thanks for taking over for the summer. You helped me in so many ways over the past couple years, thanks for being a great friend.

Samantha Craig- You became one of my confidants in just the little time we spent together in the office. I am so happy to have gotten to know such a creative and wonderful person, not to mention a great section editor who does great work. Thanks also for the movie selection and advice along the way.

Abby Brandon and Nisa Halsey- Thanks for the great job you did on your sections. The year was too short but your hard work, especially during lunchtime, was not unnoticed or unappreciated. You are both my favorite.

Eve Callahan- Thanks for putting up with my lack of organization and dealing with all the Majors calling in at all hours of the night.

Natalie Augustine and Christina Sciabarra- Thanks for making my vision for the theme into a reality, with your cynicism included.

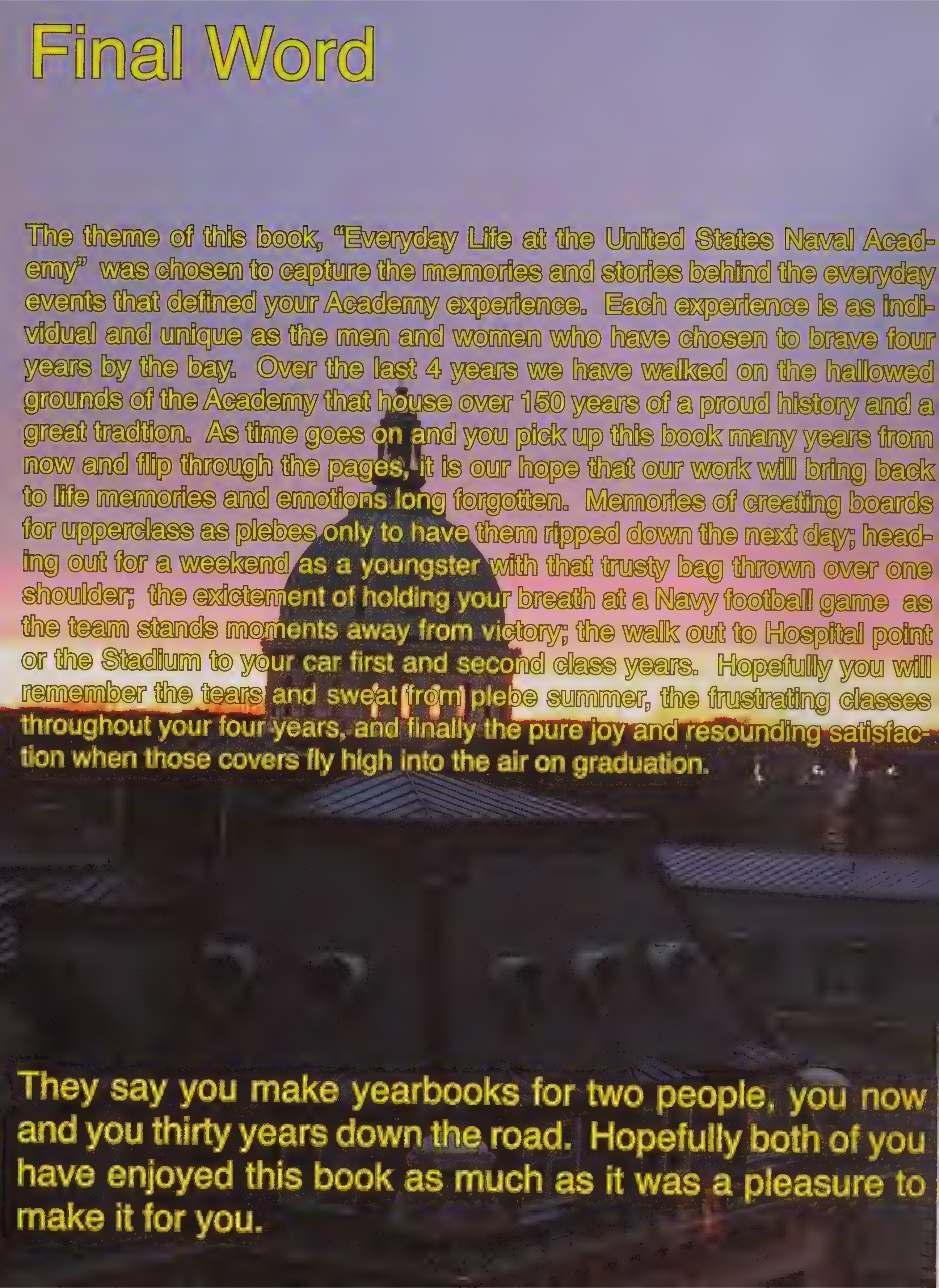
Grant Gehrke and Troy Vantrease- Thanks for putting up with me and taking the little direction I have given you and making great sections out of it. I look forward to seeing your Lucky Bag in 2007.

Joe Zane and Marc Schron- Thanks for helping me keep John sane and doing all the odd tasks asked of you. You are the future of the Lucky Bag.

John Fisher- thanks for taking over the shipping business in the middle of the year, those parents and alumni weren't the only ones who appreciated it.

I would also like to thank:
Mr Green in the Express Office
Steve Grey, our absentee helper
CDR Reagans, ORep for a portion of the year
The Summer TADs of the Lucky Bag
Laurie Wells and Ellen Sherman of MWF
Steven, our designer for hire
CAPT Sandala, ORep emeritus

Final Word



The theme of this book, "Everyday Life at the United States Naval Academy" was chosen to capture the memories and stories behind the everyday events that defined your Academy experience. Each experience is as individual and unique as the men and women who have chosen to brave four years by the bay. Over the last 4 years we have walked on the hallowed grounds of the Academy that house over 150 years of a proud history and a great tradtion. As time goes on and you pick up this book many years from now and flip through the pages, it is our hope that our work will bring back to life memories and emotions long forgotten. Memories of creating boards for upperclass as plebes only to have them ripped down the next day; heading out for a weekend as a youngster with that trusty bag thrown over one shoulder; the exictement of holding your breath at a Navy football game as the team stands moments away from victory; the walk out to Hospital point or the Stadium to your car first and second class years. Hopefully you will remember the tears and sweat from plebe summer, the frustrating classes throughout your four years, and finally the pure joy and resounding satisfaction when those covers fly high into the air on graduation.

They say you make yearbooks for two people, you now and you thirty years down the road. Hopefully both of you have enjoyed this book as much as it was a pleasure to make it for you.

the lucky bag 2005

colophon

printing The 2005 Lucky Bag was printed by Taylor Publishing Company based in Dallas, Texas. Our local representative is Julia Jordan. In-house we were assisted by Tami McConnell & Nancy Dewees. Our photography representative for Davor is Jim Rainey.

press run The 2 volume set contains 1024 total pages, all in full color, pages are printed on 100# high gloss enamel paper. The exception is the editor's section in volume 1 that is printed on 100# dull enamel and is UV coated. 4500 sets of books were printed with an additional 50 special edition sets for distribution at a later date.

cover The cover was designed by Mike Rogers, 2005 editor in chief and Stephen Williams from the Better for Brian Graphic Studio in Tulsa, Oklahoma. It is on a Blue 452 Skivertex material, with a Florentine grain. The 4-color tip-on is different on each of the two volumes and pictures were chosen to depict the ***"a day in the life of"*** theme. All lettering is embossed and top silk screened in Gold #917.

endsheets The endsheets were printed on Passport Pumice paperstock. The front endsheet bears an embossed copy of the Naval Academy seal and the back endsheet is printed with Blue #17 ink.

typography The two primary fonts used were Helvetica & Zaphfino.

technology MacIntosh G4 & G5s were used, all were equipped with flat screen monitors. Software used was the Adobe Creative Suites package.

photography Individual portraits were taken by Davor Studios in Bensalem, PA. All other photos were taken by Lucky Bag staff members. All photography is entirely digital.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make this project a success.